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## N.S. gets \$149K as part of crime prevention plan

**STATISTICS** Federal Public Safety Minister Stockwell Day gave the province just under \$149,000 yesterday to gather crime statistics.

The province's Justice Department will use the money to keep numbers on the types of crimes committed in each community and other factors, so municipalities can use them to figure out how safe their areas are.

The money comes from a \$30-million national crime prevention strategy announced in the spring federal budget.

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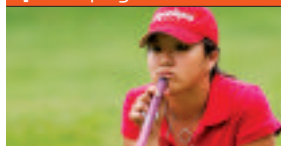
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## Dodge adds a little attitude

# 'Scared skinny'

## Survivors, rescuers mark World War II sinking

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**It's been 63 years since the last Canadian ship to be sunk in World War II, the HMCS Esquimalt, went down outside of Halifax.**

Yesterday survivors of the ship, their rescuers and one of the crew of the German submarine that sunk the Esquimalt all gathered for a memorial on the ocean near Chebucto Head.

"We heard a big explosion. Next thing you knew you were in the water," recalls George Taylor, who was 19 when the Esquimalt was hit by a torpedo April 16, 1945.

He climbed aboard a nearby life raft and waited about 5½ hours before he and his surviving shipmates were rescued by the HMCS Sarnia.

"The last time I was in this spot the engines stopped and I was scared skinny," said Sarnia navigating officer Lou Howard, 21 years old then and 84 now.

"We were a sitting duck and we knew there were torpedoes out there. But we had a job to do and we did it. Then as soon as we got them onboard, full speed ahead."

In total, 27 men were saved while 13 perished.

After a prayer service was done on the navy tug yesterday, three wreaths were thrown overboard into the ocean. One simply said, "Wish we could have got there sooner."

"If they'd only got there sooner... then we could have saved more than the 27 we saved. It was a tragedy," said Harris. Communications problems at the dockyard caused hours of delay before Sarnia was finally sent to the scene.

For Taylor, the memorial is a chance to say thanks to those who pulled his crew out of the water.

"It's bringing back memories," he said. "You think about people who have gone. You think about a lot of things, how lucky you are."



Lou Howard, left, looks on as his one-time enemy Werner Hirschmann prepares to throw a wreath overboard to commemorate the last Canadian ship sunk during World War II, on behalf of the German submarine that sank it.

## Enemies then, friends now

**POW** One of the people memorializing the sinking of the HMCS Esquimalt was someone who helped sink it.

Werner Hirschmann was 21 when his German submarine U-190 sunk their opponent. He looks back now from a very different perspective.

"The fact that those Canadian veterans and I, we were in the war to kill each other and today we are best of friends, I take that as an indication that war in itself, no matter where, no mat-

ter when, is an absurdity," said Hirschmann.

As World War II ended, U-190 surrendered.

Hirschmann became a prisoner of war for a year in Newfoundland.

After returning to Germany and getting a university degree, he saw few opportunities.

Remembering how fondly he thought of Newfoundland, he returned to Canada.

Now he's a considered an honorary member of the veterans'

association of HMCS Esquimalt. Lou Howard, sailor on the HMCS Sarnia, which rescued the Esquimalt crew, yesterday described Hirschmann as a "gentleman in the true sense of the word."

"I was a 21-year-old navigating officer looking for Werner, who was underneath in U190."

"At that time we were enemies and now we're not. We're friends, and that's the way the world should be," said Howard.

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Hankering for some gospel music? You'll have to wait a bit longer. The Hot Gospel Concert originally planned for Saturday night at the Black Cultural Centre has been rescheduled to Thursday, Aug. 21. **METRO HALIFAX**

## Volunteers sought for Halifax Pride

Halifax Pride is looking for volunteers to help out with Pride Week '08 which runs from July 20 to July 27. Set up, serving and security jobs at all the week's events need to be filled. A volunteer fair will be held this Saturday, Jul. 12 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Dalhousie University's Marion McCain Building, 6135 University Ave

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# Local



# Council ignores Chebucto issue

Despite 200-strong rally, request to add road-widening debate to agenda refused



A protestor holds his sign in front of police stationed on the steps of city hall Tuesday night. Hundreds of people gathered to voice their displeasure over the Chebucto Road widening project to the city council meeting inside.

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**The drums pounded outside City Hall but council refused to put the Chebucto Road widening debate back on the agenda.**

About 200 people protested on the Grand Parade ground last night, hoping their voices would be heard inside at the council meeting.

Coun. Sheila Fougere said she tried to add the issue to the agenda but was refused.

"It's a huge disappointment. I don't know what else to say," she said.

Road work is already underway and Fougere said it's a lost cause.

"The intent of the protest is to bring visibility to this particular situation

**"The work has begun, that's a fact, but we are hoping through strength in numbers that we can reverse that decision."**

Brad Milligan, who helped organize yesterday's protest after trees along Chebucto Road were cut down at 5:30 a.m. on Monday

and I think it's been successful in that way," she said.

There was a lot of anger expressed by the crowd over the fact city-hired crews started cutting down trees on Chebucto Road at 5:30 a.m. Monday morning. Fougere said police told her they considered it an emergency that allows them to break the noise bylaw.

"At this point on, the only success we'll have is trying to make any aspect of this project the best it can be," Fougere said.

Joe MacDonell, president

of the Chebucto Road Residents' Association, took to the megaphone. He said he wants to know who signed the order for tree-cutting crews to start work at 5:30 a.m.

"I beg you not to let this one go," he yelled.

Brad Milligan helped organize yesterday's protest and said hope is not lost.

"The work has begun, that's a fact, but we are hoping through strength in numbers that we can reverse that decision."

He said there's a public meeting tonight at St. James Church.

## Icelandair grounds N.S. flights

**PRICES** Icelandair is suspending winter service between Iceland and Halifax because of high fuel costs.

General Manager Thorsteinn Egilsson said in a news release yesterday that departments, employee numbers and schedules are being decreased because of "rising fuel costs and global economic uncertainty."

As scheduled, Icelandair will continue to operate three weekly flights until Aug. 30, with two weekly flights until Oct. 20 when service will be suspended.

Service will continue with two flights a week starting May 14, 2009 and three flights a week starting June 13, 2009 until Aug. 31, 2009.

Flights then return to two flights a week Sept. 1, 2009.

Egilsson said in the release that Icelandair hopes to maintain a strong presence in Canada and will continue to evaluate the many changing variables in the industry.

## Officials keep eye for forest fires during heat wave

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It was a good day to cool off in the shade with some lemonade yesterday.

Isabelle Dearnaley and her friends had the right idea.

"It will cool you off!" said four-year-old Isabelle about the thirst-quenching treat she and her buddies from the South Park Child Care Centre handed out in front of the YMCA.

The high temperature of 30.1 C recorded at Halifax Stanfield International Airport almost broke Environment Canada's record from 1993 of 30.3 C. And with the humidex it well surpassed it at 38 C.

The Department of Natural Resources watched the conditions closely saying the forest fire index for most of the province ranged from high to extreme. A spokeswoman for the department said an open fire ban could soon come into effect if the high temperatures continue.

"We're considering all options at this point," said Jennifer Gavin.



Isabelle Dearnaley (left), Riali Poffenroth and Lauren Duggan (right) helped quell the thirst of passersby with a lemonade stand in front of the South Park Street YMCA yesterday. The three girls are in the senior class of the South Park Child Care Centre.

They look at factors such as dryness and the amount of rain in the forecast when considering a ban.

Environment Canada predicts warm temperatures until at least Saturday.

### Tips for avoiding overheating during a hot spell

Here are a few helpful hints:

- Slow down
- Maintain salt levels in your body

- Avoid high-protein foods, they increase your body's water loss and heat production
- Dress appropriately in

- light-weight, light-coloured clothes
- Avoid sunburns; they restrict your cooling system



## Continuing education

Child-care workers in Nova Scotia will get some help from the province to hit the books. Up to \$5,000 a year is available for workers who want to further their education part time while working in child-care and day-care centres.

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# Province won't confirm windfall

Crown share money Nova Scotia has been battling for could be worth \$850 million

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**A windfall of close to \$1 billion could be on its way to Nova Scotia.**

But Finance Minister Michael Baker isn't quite ready to confirm the number unnamed government sources have leaked to media about the Crown share deal report.

"We're simply working

through the final analysis of that report and hoping to make a public announcement of that report shortly," he said yesterday.

The National Post reported that Crown share money the province has been fighting for could be in the range of \$850 million.

A panel of three people, headed by former provincial chief justice Lorne Clark, has been deliberating over the details of the Crown share since last Oc-

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Finance Minister Michael Baker

tober.

The province received an 80-page report on the issue last week and Baker said he was "very pleased" by the report and Nova Scotians will also be pleased.

At least 70 per cent of

the money is slated to go toward the province's more than \$12-billion debt while up to 30 per cent has already been spoken for to fund projects in offshore energy, protected lands and university infrastruc-

ture.

When asked how he might respond to other provinces thinking Nova Scotia is getting special treatment with the deal, Baker said, "That's poppycock."

"It's simply a recognition of something that should have happened long ago," he said.

Last week's report marks the end of a decades-long dispute between Nova Scotia and the federal govern-

ment.

In 1986, the feds agreed to compensate the province after Nova Scotia gave up ownership interest of its offshore resources.

Last year, after Premier Rodney MacDonald accepted a new offshore deal from the government, he faced tough criticism for giving up on the Atlantic Accord.

But he maintained the Crown share money would compensate for any losses.



All four Finance Ministers from the Atlantic Region met yesterday in Halifax to discuss problems facing the East Coast provinces. From left, P.E.I. Provincial Treasury Minister Wesley Sheridan, Nova Scotia Finance Minister Michael Baker, Newfoundland and Labrador Finance Minister Tom Marshall, and New Brunswick Finance Minister Victor Boudreau.

## Energy costs a problem: Ministers

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All four finance ministers from the Atlantic Provinces agreed yesterday the rising cost of energy is a problem.

But they weren't able to come up with a solution during their afternoon meeting in Halifax.

"The short answer is, there's not a lot that can be done because the price of gasoline is determined in the New York spot market and the price of oil is determined by the

world oil prices," said Finance Minister Michael Baker.

The finance ministers from P.E.I., New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and Labrador gathered at a hotel near the airport to talk about issues concerning the region.

Baker said they agreed to meet more often.

"It allows us, on issues where we have a common approach, to put those issues forth to the government of Canada," Baker said.

In addition to high en-

ergy costs, they talked about the provinces' aging populations, carbon taxes and taxation.

Baker said each province is in the middle of reviewing taxation to some extent and they talked about how they can't continue to do business the way it's been done.

"It was a recognition by all of the governments that were represented here today ... to bring the kind of prosperity to Atlantic Canada that we all want for our provinces," Baker said.

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The hot summer weather forced the Spring Garden Road library to close yesterday at 3:30 p.m. High heat and a humidex reading above 35 C meant the old building was no longer comfortable for library users. It is scheduled to reopen today at 10 a.m. **METRO HALIFAX**

# Joggins cliffs are world class

Important fossil area recognized by UNESCO as province's second heritage site

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Get used to some company, Lunenburg.

Joggins Fossil Cliffs was named the province's second — and the country's fifteenth — UNESCO-designated site on Monday night.

"There were a lot of cheers, handshakes and hugs, and even a few tears," said Ron Robinson with the Cumberland Regional Economic Development Authority.

About 100 people packed into the conference room of the new Joggins Fossil Centre to hear the news from the World Heritage Committee.

"It puts Joggins in some pretty elite company when you consider that other natural world heritage sites include the Grand Canyon, the Great Barrier Reef and the Galapagos Islands."



Tourists check out the fossils on the Joggins Fossil Cliffs, which were declared a UNESCO world heritage site Monday.

It was the successful end to an 18-month application process. Robinson said Joggins is a worthy site for a

UNESCO World Heritage designation because of the significance of the fossil cliffs.

Joggins, which is a two-and-a-half-hour drive from Halifax, boasts fossils which are over 300 million

years old.

Premier Rodney MacDonald sent along his congratulations yesterday.

"For years the people of Joggins have protected and conserved this natural treasure," he said. "Their careful stewardship, aided by the UNESCO designation, means many future generations will have the opportunity to study this unique piece of geological history."

The designation is just 'icing on the cake,' said Robinson. Since the Joggins Fossil Centre opened in April, they've received between 6,000-7,000 visitors.

"I guess the sky's the limit," said Robinson, adding that next on the agenda is to put up new signs with the UNESCO World Heritage Site marker.

The importance of the cliffs was discovered in the mid-nineteenth century. Some of the finds include a 300-million year old fossilized forest with amphibians and reptile fossils from the Carboniferous period. The reptile skeletons are the oldest yet found.

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## Provincial liquor sales up again

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Apparently selling booze to Nova Scotians is like shooting big, slow fish in a small, well-stocked barrel.

For the third year in a row liquor sales are up and the NSLC has exceeded its sales targets, according to data released yesterday.

Over the past fiscal year Nova Scotians spent \$530.6 million dollars at liquor stores — \$25 million more than last year.

High wine and beer sales fueled the buying binge.

**"Nobody likes to pay taxes. I haven't met one person who does."**

Rick Perkins,  
NSLC spokesman

Sunday shopping is also believed to have contributed \$7-8 million.

A large amount of the money spent — nearly \$200 million — went to the government as pure profit. One reason for that is high taxes on booze to promote social responsibility.

"When people complain prices are too high and

they're lower in the US and all that, it's for social responsibility reasons. Like a lot of things, you make it a little more expensive and people don't buy as much of it. Like gas," said NSLC spokesman Rick Perkins.

Despite this plan, Nova Scotians still bought steadily more booze, in this case five per cent more than last year.

"Nobody likes to pay taxes. I haven't met one person who does," said Perkins. "But in Canada we've chosen to control the sale of alcohol to ensure it's done in the most responsible way possible."

## Digby RCMP facing racism complaint

**TASER** RCMP are investigating complaints of racism against their own officers after a fight at a Digby bar.

William Drummond, 20, claims a group of men hurled racial slurs at him in part of a confrontation outside the bar Club 98 in late June. Drummond says he punched one man only to be shocked several times by a stun gun.

The men in question turned out to be off-duty police officers. The Chronicle Herald reported the officer who was punched was a Halifax city police officer.

The Southwest Nova Major Crime division is investigating the incident and reviewing security camera footage to piece together what happened.

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## Dairy farmers ask for price hike

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The price of cheese, butter, ice cream and yogurt will probably go up in September, says Scotsburn Dairy president and CEO Mel MacConnell.

Canadian dairy farmers have asked the Canadian Dairy Commission, which sets the prices farmers can charge for non-liquid milk products, to give them an emergency price increase.

If the commission OKs the increase, the price of

### Price regulation

The price of butter, cheese, milk and yogurt is usually only set by the federal commission once per year. The price of milk is set by the Dairy Farmers of Nova Scotia, an industry association.

cheese and other non-liquid milk items would go up in September — and that would probably prompt Nova Scotia dairy farmers to ask for a hike in the price of milk.

"It's never something we look forward to with pleasure. We are dealing with a product that's of major importance to the diets of families," MacConnell said.

But he added farmers can't bear the increased costs either, or they won't be able to stay in business.

Costs for fertilizer, feed and fuel for farm vehicles have skyrocketed. MacConnell said Scotsburn and other dairies are also seeing rising costs for chemicals used to clean equipment, as well as diesel for their tractor-trailers.

### News in brief

**STRAWBERRIES** Cape Breton has had a colder than usual spring and as a result the strawberry season will probably be later than usual. Donna Crawford, administration co-ordinator with Horticulture Nova Scotia, said specials offered by two large retail stores in Cape Breton has made the price for the beginning of the season what it should be by mid-season. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



**Don't forget to watch your speed**

Starting tomorrow, people who speed in work zones throughout the province will receive double fines and demerit points. **METRO HALIFAX**

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# Applause as King's Wharf gets OK'd

## Dartmouth Marine Slips to get new look

**The proposed King's Wharf development is a step closer to reality.**

City council unanimously approved, and received applause, last night for amending its planning strategies and land use by-law to allow development on the former Dartmouth Marine Slips site near Alderney Drive.

The decision followed a public hearing where about 50 people shared their views on Environmental Design Management Ltd.'s \$300-million proposal. The project is primarily residential, including a mix of townhouses, a 30-storey residential tower, office and retail space, public parks and beach, underground parking and a hotel.

Dartmouth Centre

**"I'm very happy tonight."**

Dartmouth Coun. Gloria McCluskey

Coun. Gloria McCluskey said the development will be a great catalyst for the community.

"I had to stay quiet on this for a long time," she said. "I'm very happy tonight to be able to say that the vast majority of people who spoke here tonight supported it."

Portland-East Woodlawn Coun. Bill Karsten said the proposal is more than just a development, but a signal that the municipality is open for business and welcoming to development.

Preston-Lawrencetown Coun. David Hendsbee

said he wants to make sure that residents are aware that Secunda Marine, Dominion Diving and the Canadian Coast Guard work in the area.

"I don't want to hear complaints about unsightliness, noise or anything else," he said.

Several longtime residents of downtown Dartmouth told council views from their homes would be impacted by the project, but they support it anyway.

However, some also raised concerns about the height of the proposed buildings and the environmental impact of infilling eight acres of the harbour.

The proposal goes next to Harbour East Community Council for a decision on the actual development.



Dalhousie University custodian Ray Bundy uses an environmentally friendly cleaning product in the Henry Hicks building.

## Green means clean at schools

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**Campus custodians are scrubbing towards a greener clean.**

The custodial staff at Dalhousie University recently traded in 40 chemical cleaners they use everyday for three green cleaners.

One of them is a multi-purpose cleaner with bacteria that loves organic waste.

"Basically the bacteria go to work and eat this stuff, and it's gotten rid of terrible smells we've had in washrooms," said Mike Murphy, manager of environmental services.

They put out a tender last summer and hired Avmor Ltd. from Montreal.

"It's less expensive, as a matter of fact," he said.

**"It's gotten rid of terrible smells we've had in washrooms."**

Mike Murphy, environmental services

"That wasn't always the case with green products, but more and more people are demanding them and the prices come down."

Murphy added they're saving between 20 and 25 per cent.

Mount Saint Vincent University has been using green-certified cleaning products for five years, said Robyn McIsaac. She said green cleaners are safer for the custodians and better for staff and students who have scent sensitivities.

"The one exception

where we're still looking to find a product to meet our needs is our wax sealers for the floors," she said.

It's a problem common to most of the campuses — the one green product that doesn't pass the test.

Saint Mary's University started the process five years ago and fully converted — including hand soaps — last year, said Gabrielle Morrison.

The green cleaner program is just getting off the ground at the Nova Scotia Community College. The new waterfront campus has gone green, but the other campuses are just heading down that road, said Jim Farrell, manager of energy and sustainability of NSCC.

"All the campuses are presently using or experimenting with some green products," he said.

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Former N.S. premiers John Hamm and Russell MacLellan touted Canada's 250 years of democratic government last night in London, U.K. They co-hosted a reception at Canada House in Trafalgar Square showing off historic documents related to the country's first representative government. **METRO**

# Sydney man lands back in jail

## Assault at mud run garners four-month sentence

It wasn't only mud being tossed around last May in Loch Lomond when a group of off-road enthusiasts gathered for their annual mud run.

Fists and rocks were also thrown, which resulted yesterday in a 24-year-old Sydney man being sentenced to a total of four months in jail.

Jeffrey Allan Deveaux was sentenced after pleading guilty to charges of as-

### questions remain

His legal woes aren't over yet as Deveaux is scheduled back in court next March for a preliminary hearing on charges of trafficking in cocaine and two counts of breaching court orders. He has elected trial by judge and jury.

sault, assault with a weapon, a rock, and breaching the conditions of his release by failing to stay out of trouble and have run ins with the law.

Deveaux was joined at the event by two long

standing rivals and the animosity between the two sides erupted into a fist fight which included Deveaux throwing a rock that struck another man in the head.

The man hit with the

rock required five stitches to close the injury.

At the time, Deveaux was already on conditions to behave after previously getting an 18-month probation sentence for breaching court orders.

Deveaux was given two months credit for time served on remand.

In addition to the sentence, he must also complete a one-year probation period.

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### News in brief

**HORROR FLICKS** Spoofing horror flicks from the '80s and '90s has been a dream of one Cape Breton native, and now it's becoming a dark reality. Bradley Mills, a writer and performer, and his sister, Jacqueline Mills, an award-winning film graduate, are teaming up to shoot The Legend of the Psychotic Forest Ranger in Cape Breton this summer. "Everything is your stereotypical characters, the ditz blonds and the paranoid brunettes, and the jocks, and then the joker kids. The dialogue is really cheesy. It's just a great cheesefest overall," said Brad.

CAPE BRETON POST

**MALL CLOSING** The Rudderhams Source for Sports outlet in the Mayflower Mall is closing after 28 years over a lease dispute with mall management, says the sports store's owner. Arnie Rudderham said "a combination of some factors" affected his decision to close, including the entry of another sports outlet and the relocation of one of the mall's anchor tenants. The Internet has also become a major competitor for all kinds of retail operations, he said. However, Rudderham added, the mall lease was the main factor.

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## Cab prices could go up 15 per cent

**TRURO** Catching a cab may soon cost more in Truro.

Town councillors heard a request to increase the rates between 10 and 15 per cent from John Starratt, of Layton's Taxi Inc., during its meeting on Monday.

Starratt said the request is needed because fuel prices continue to skyrocket.

"We have put off the request in hopes that this was going to be a short-term escalation in price but now believe this to be a futile hope," he said in his letter to council.

Council put off making a decision until a hearing next month to be held on Aug. 11.

Starratt said fuel prices, the company's main expense, have shot up from \$1.05 per litre in 2005 — the last year rates went up. He is sympathetic to the fact many of his customers are on fixed incomes, which makes a price hike painful.

## Province denies sex offender early prison release

**COURTS** A convicted sex offender with a history of preying on young boys has been denied an early release from a prison sentence for drug trafficking, CBC News Online reports.

Carl Ronald Skidmore, a retired school teacher from Stellarton, was handed a two-year sentence in January. In denying Skidmore parole, the board cites a March psychological profile that found he is a high risk to reoffend "in a sexual manner."

Police raided Skidmore's home in February 2007. He was charged trying to buy sexual services from young people.

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**Boeing building heavy load blimp**

The Chicago-based Boeing Co said yesterday it has teamed with a privately owned Canadian company to build a blimp it says will be able to carry heavy cargo to remote regions like the Alberta oilsands. **REUTERS**

# Canada

**"I don't really have any answers — we're still waiting and looking for them."**

Ben Berry speaking on the death of friend Diana Gabrielle O'Brien.



## model death

Chinese police are reporting that a young B.C. model has been found near her Shanghai apartment in what is being treating as a homicide.

# PM limits greenhouse goals: Official

**Prime Minister Stephen Harper worked to ensure that the Group of Eight leaders produced a climate change agreement that did not contain overly ambitious goals for cutting greenhouse gases, a senior Canadian government official says.**

G8 leaders meeting in

Japan put aside their differences to reach an accord on tackling climate change, but environmental groups blasted the agreement as woefully inadequate to tackle one of the globe's most challenging problems.

Along with Canada, the United States, Japan, Russia, Britain, Italy, Germany

## Harper appeals for "realistic" goals

In the face of European demands for aggressive short-term and long-term targets to reduce carbon emissions, Harper stressed the need to set "realistic."

and France agreed to work toward a goal of cutting the worldwide emissions that cause global warming by at least 50 per cent by 2050.

But analysts said the agreement was badly weakened because it does not stipulate a base year to measure the extent of emissions reductions need-

ed to reach the goal of 50 per cent cuts by 2050. A senior Canadian official confirmed that the G8 will leave it to each country to determine what base year to use when calculating anti-pollution measures.

Harper lauded the accord as an "important advance" because U.S. President George W. Bush

dropped his enduring opposition to specific long-term goals for greenhouse gas cutbacks. The same is true of Russia, he noted. "This is the first time that either of those countries have conceded the necessity of having a long-term mandatory goal for reductions," Harper told the media. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

# Medal hauled back to the Hall

TRACEY TONG  
Metro Canada



**Members of a Catholic community yesterday returned an Order of Canada medal its founder received 32 years ago, to protest a high-profile abortionist's receipt of the award.**

Representatives from Madonna House in Combermere arrived at Rideau Hall to return Catherine Doherty's 1976 medal in response to Dr. Henry Morgentaler's recent appointment to the order, joining a priest in British Columbia who has also surrendered his award in protest.

"Our purpose was to make a simple public gesture to call attention to the disgrace and disappointment of the awarding of the medal to Dr. Morgentaler," said Susanne Stubbs, a director with the community of more than 200 laymen and priests that assists the poor.

"The medal has been dishonoured."

Doherty, who died in



Mark Schlengerman, a director general of the Catholic group Madonna House, holds an Order of Canada medal that was awarded to the group's late founder, Catherine Doherty, outside the front gates of Rideau Hall yesterday.

1985, was added to the Order for "devoted services to the underprivileged of many nationalities, both in Canada and abroad." Con-

sideration for her sainthood began in 2000.

Stubbs and her colleagues returned the medal and its accompany-

ing document to Yves Bastien, an awards official who emerged from Rideau Hall to receive it. Officials refused comment.

# Jack Layton objects to Colombia trade clause

Fines nation for killing union reps

**Federal New Democratic Party Leader Jack Layton says it's "simply outrageous" for the federal government to sign a trade deal with Colombia with a clause calling for the South American nation to pay a fine to a special fund whenever a union activist is murdered.**



**"This shouldn't have even been allowed to cross the first bureaucrat's desk."**

NDP Leader Jack Layton

It's not even clear how the fund would work. Nor would the Harper government give any details.

"This shouldn't have even been allowed to cross the first bureaucrat's desk," said Layton, whose party has launched a petition against the trade agreement over the summer.

In Colombia, where the army has been linked to the death squads, 28 trade unionists have been murdered so far this year, according to human rights organizations. Union groups in both Canada and the U.S. oppose any trade deal with the government of Alvaro Uribe.

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## News in brief

**CADMAN** The widow of Chuck Cadman, who told a journalist that the Conservatives offered the dying MP a financial incentive, is disputing parts of the story in a new affidavit. Dona Cadman filed an affidavit in

Ontario Superior Court saying that she never introduced Tom Zytaruk to Stephen Harper at her home in 2005. Cadman is now running as the Conservative candidate.

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who says Aces  
are hard to come by?

Hurricane Bertha weakened to a Category 1 on the five-step Saffir-Simpson scale of hurricane intensity, the U.S. National Hurricane Center said yesterday. **REUTERS**

# World

## Tea calms thief

A Japanese woman and her six-month-old baby escaped unhurt from a knife-wielding thief this week after the mother calmed him down with a cup of tea and a chat.

**REUTERS**



## Palestinian shoppers defy Israeli military

**RAID** Israeli forces raided a popular shopping mall in the occupied West Bank yesterday, ordering its closure for two years over its owner's alleged links to Hamas.

Palestinian shoppers defied the Arabic-language order, left at the complex and signed by an Israeli general, by flocking to the five-storey complex in the centre of the city of Nablus.

"Those in charge of the property must ... close it and keep it shut for two years, upon receipt of this order," the document said, threatening violators with a jail term and giving shopowners until Aug. 15 to move.

The Israeli army surrounds Nablus, which is governed by President Mahmoud Abbas's Palestinian Authority. **REUTERS**

# Czechs sign missile deal

Russia warns of military response if contentious shield is deployed

The United States signed a pact yesterday to build part of a U.S. missile defence shield in the Czech Republic, prompting neighbouring Russia to warn it will react with military means if the shield is deployed.

The U.S. and Czech foreign ministers toasted with champagne after signing the accord to place a tracking radar southwest of Prague as part of a system to protect against the perceived threat of missile attack from countries such as Iran.

But Russia, in a statement reminiscent of Cold War rhetoric, warned the United States against de-



Demonstrators walk on Prague's Stefanikuv bridge during a rally against a plan to build a U.S. missile defence shield in the Czech Republic yesterday.

ploying the shield close to its borders.

"If the real deployment of an American strategic

missile defence shield begins close to our borders, then we will be forced to react not with diplomatic

methods, but with military-technical methods," the Foreign Ministry said in a statement on its

www.mid.ru website.

It did not give specifics but analysts said the threat appeared aimed at stoking European opposition to the shield.

In 2007, former President Vladimir Putin, who is now prime minister, said that Russia could aim missiles at European countries if the U.S. missile shield, which Moscow considers a threat to national security, goes ahead.

The Pentagon said the U.S. missile defence system Washington wants to base in the Czech Republic and Poland is designed to counter missile threats from the Middle East, not Russia. **REUTERS**

# Western nations urge UN sanctions on Zimbabwe

The United States and other Western countries pushed the UN Security Council yesterday to vote this week to impose sanctions on Zimbabwe but Russia, which can veto the move, said it opposed sanctions.

U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad told reporters after a closed-door meeting on Zimbabwe that he believed there were enough council members in favor of

a U.S.-drafted sanctions resolution to pass this week, if no country vetoes it.

The resolution would impose targeted sanctions on individuals in the government and an arms embargo on Zimbabwe.

South African Ambassador Dumisano Kumalo, whose president Thabo Mbeki is leading the mediation efforts, said council member South Africa op-

posed the resolution because the situation in Zimbabwe was not a "threat to international peace and security" — the criterion for Security Council action.

"We share the frustration of everybody, but we are saying don't take measures that are going to complicate the situation and literally blow the country apart," he told reporters.

**REUTERS**

# Magnitude 6.2 quake rattles southern Peru

**SOUTH AMERICA** A magnitude 6.2 earthquake shook southern Peru early yesterday, killing at least one person in the Andean country's second-largest city, Arequipa, and damaging scores of homes.

The epicenter of the quake was located 55 kilometres north-northwest of Arequipa, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

Police in Arequipa said a 93-year-old man died in a hospital, where he was taken after the quake caused an adobe wall in his house to crash on him. Witnesses said residents refused to go

back into their homes after the quake, fearing structures might collapse in aftershocks.

In Moquegua, a province near Arequipa, at least five people were killed and another 34 injured when their bus tumbled into a ravine just minutes after the quake. Among the dead were a Chilean and a French tourist.

The regional police chief said it was not clear whether the crash was set off by a mechanical failure or by a road that buckled during the quake.

**REUTERS**

## News in brief

**U.K.** A demolition man stripping a fireplace from the former home of The Lord of the Rings author J.R.R. Tolkien stumbled across a postcard to the writer dated 1968, and hopes to sell it for a small fortune. Stephen Malton was working in a house in the town of Poole, England before it was bulldozed.

**NORTH AMERICA** Mexico City's police chief and top prosecutor resigned after a botched disco raid killed 12 people last month, the capital's mayor said yesterday, vowing a major overhaul of public security. Nine youths and three officers were asphyxiated in the incident. **REUTERS**



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**Iran urged to halt executions of juvenile criminals**

Major human rights groups appealed to Iran yesterday to stop imposing the death penalty for crimes by juveniles and to commute sentences against nearly 140 youths known to be on death row.

REUTERS

# Iraq insists on timetable

## Washington downplays call for a firm deadline for U.S. withdrawal

**Iraq will not accept any security agreement with the United States unless it includes dates for the withdrawal of foreign forces, the government's national security adviser said yesterday.**

But the government's spokesman said any timetable would depend on security conditions on the ground.

Their differences underscore the debate in Baghdad over a deal with Wash-

ington that will provide a legal basis for U.S. troops to remain when a UN mandate expires at the end of the year.

But Washington played down calls from Baghdad for a firm withdrawal deadline, saying both sought greater Iraqi security.

U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Tuesday he expected to pull more U.S. troops from Iraq and stressed any decision to withdraw would be based on the ability of Iraqi

**"We can't have a memorandum of understanding with foreign forces unless it has dates and clear horizons determining the departure of foreign forces."**

Iraqi National Security Adviser Mowaffaq al-Rubaie

troops to take responsibility for security and combat.

On Monday, Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki suggested for the first time that a timetable be set for the departure of U.S. forces under the deal being nego-

tiated, which he called a memorandum of understanding.

National Security Adviser Mowaffaq al-Rubaie appeared to go further Tuesday.

"We can't have a memorandum of understanding

with foreign forces unless it has dates and clear horizons determining the departure of foreign forces. We're unambiguously talking about their departure," he told reporters in Najaf after meeting Iraq's top Shi'ite cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani.

He said he had spoken to Sistani about the U.S. talks, but did not say if the cleric had an opinion on the negotiations. The revered cleric is routinely briefed on key national issues. **REUTERS**



Ali Shirazi

## Iran to 'hit Tel Aviv, U.S. ships' if attacked

**TEHRAN** Iran will hit Tel Aviv, U.S. shipping in the Gulf and American interests around the world if it is attacked over its disputed nuclear activities, an aide to Iran's Supreme Leader was quoted as saying yesterday.

"The first bullet fired by America at Iran will be followed by Iran burning down its vital interests around the globe," the students news agency ISNA quoted Ali Shirazi as saying.

The United States and its allies suspect Iran is trying to build nuclear bombs. Tehran says its program is peaceful. Leaders of the G8, meeting in Japan, expressed concern at the proliferation risks posed by Iran's nuclear program. **REUTERS**

# Obama rejects McCain flip-flop accusations

**POLITICS** U.S. Democratic presidential hopeful Barack Obama rejected charges yesterday that he has shifted positions on Iraq and other issues as part of a move to the center now that he is his party's nominee.

As he positions himself for the battle against U.S. Republican John McCain, the Illinois senator abandoned a vow to reopen the North American Free Trade Agreement, did not oppose a Supreme Court decision striking down Washington's gun ban and said he would support expanding the government's wiretap authority.

Most recently, he signaled more flexibility on his pledge to quickly pull U.S. troops out of Iraq, telling reporters last week



U.S. Republican presidential candidate Senator John McCain gestures as he addresses a League of United Latin American Citizens conference in Washington yesterday.

he might "refine" his views based on what happens on the ground.

Asked about his Iraq policy at a town hall meeting,

Obama rejected claims he was softening his insistence on a withdrawal of U.S. troops from the country.

He also said he hoped he

could more generally counter "this whole notion that I am shifting to the centre or that I'm flip-flopping or this or that."

"You know, the people who say this apparently haven't been listening to me," Obama said.

The McCain campaign has eagerly accused Obama of shifting position for political expediency — a tactic Republican President Bush used successfully in his 2004 re-election campaign against Democrat John Kerry.

"I think there's been definitely shifts in position, and one of them is Iraq," McCain told Fox News.

Obama, who has a single-digit lead over McCain in the polls heading toward the November election, has also been criticized by some liberal supporters, particularly over his support for electronic eavesdropping legislation. **REUTERS**

## News in brief

**U.K.** Britain should take Moscow to the World Court if it has evidence of Russian state involvement in the poisoning of emigre Alexander Litvinenko, a lawyer for his widow said yesterday. "I believe that the U.K. government has an obligation to Mrs. (Marina) Litvinenko and her late husband as citizens to seek a remedy against Russia," lawyer Louise Christian said. **REUTERS**

# Vatican condemns Anglicans on women bishops

**VATICAN CITY** The Vatican yesterday strongly criticised the Church of England's plan to ordain women bishops, describing it as a historic break from Christian doctrine that will drive Anglicans and Catholics further apart.

The governing body of the Church of England, the mother Church of world Anglicanism, confirmed on Monday it will ordain women to the powerful rank of bishop — albeit with compromise measures to appease traditional-

ists in its own ranks.

As in the Roman Catholic Church, Anglican bishops have the ability to ordain priests. The decision widens the divide between Catholic and Anglican Churches, which had been making efforts to advance

dialogue in recent years despite thorny issues such as gay Anglican clergy.

"This decision will have consequences for dialogue, which until now had borne much fruit," the Vatican office for promoting Christian unity said. **REUTERS**

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WestJet Airlines planes flew less full in June as a big increase in capacity more than offset growing passenger traffic. Its load factor, a measure of how full its planes flew, fell to 76.5 per cent, down 3.4 percentage points from 79.9 per cent in June 2007. **REUTERS**

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## Spectrum auction nears end

**WIRELESS** A government auction of wireless spectrum aimed at bringing new competition to Canada's cellphone market has reached its final stretch, with total bids reaching \$4.2 billion so far — about twice the amount expected.

A range of companies that don't yet have a large wireless presence have emerged in the bidding for airwaves over which wireless services are delivered.

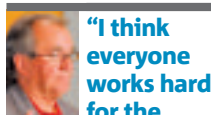
With bidding expected to end soon, the three top telecom companies, which already dominate Canada's \$13 billion wireless market — Rogers Communications Inc., BCE Inc. and Telus Corp. — lead the pack in the dollar value of high bids across the country.

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## Buzz announces early retirement

Lewenza to replace CAW union's boss

**Buzz Hargrove says he will retire early as the president of the Canadian Auto Workers and Ken Lewenza, the fiery leader of the union's big Windsor local, is set to jump into the driver's seat.**



**"I think everyone works hard for the union but no one works harder than Kenny."**

Buzz Hargrove

Hargrove, who has led the union since 1992, surprised CAW leaders yesterday by revealing he will leave no later than Sept. 15 instead of next year.

Hargrove, the CAW's other senior officers, executive board, directors and staff overwhelmingly endorsed Lewenza, president of Local

444 in Windsor, at meetings yesterday to fill the \$150,700 a year hot seat.

"He has enormous energy," Hargrove told reporters as Lewenza sat beside him.

"I think everyone works hard for the union but no one works harder than Kenny."

Hargrove assistants Hemi Mitic and Tom Collins, who indicated earlier they would run regardless of the outcome of the endorsements, instead pulled out of the race at the same meetings.

Hargrove, who had planned on retiring next March or August, said campaigning had started for his post and he didn't want the increasing political activity to divide the CAW.

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## Coffee Specialty producer



A worker dries arabica coffee beans at Conquista farm in Alfenas in the southern Brazilian city of Minas Gerais Monday. The farm is one of the three which make up the Ipanema Coffees company, the world's largest specialty coffee producer.

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## Bank backs off as tensions ease

**CREDIT CRUNCH** Tensions in Canada's money markets have eased enough to prompt the Bank of Canada to suspend operations to get short-term lending back on track.

The central bank said yesterday it would sell back \$1 billion worth of securities it bought on the market on June 10 instead of rolling them over, citing an improvement in bank funding costs.

This was the second time it has decided to conclude a transaction of this sort, known as a PRA, and it marks the withdrawal of all of the bank's extraordinary help to once-stressed markets.

**REUTERS**

## News in brief

**REFINERY SHELVED** Royal Dutch Shell has cancelled plans to build a new multibillion-dollar refinery near Sarnia, Ont., due to poor market conditions and surging construction costs, the oil major said yesterday.

**REUTERS**

**GAS PRICES** U.S. drivers can expect to shell out more than \$4 US a gallon, on average, for gasoline for the rest of 2008 and prices will keep rising until November, the U.S. Energy Information Administration said yesterday. Oil prices, meanwhile, will remain under pressure.

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## THE DAILY BUSINESS BUZZ

has invested heavily in upgrading its Atlantic Canadian operations.

### Hope for Yarmouth airport:

Despite mounting challenges facing the airline industry, the premier of Nova Scotia says people in the Yarmouth area should remain positive about the return of area service to the local airport. Rodney MacDonald said his government's recent contribution of \$250,000 to the airport is a sign that they want to see it succeed. Despite the struggles of the airline industry, especially in Canada, the premier maintained that people shouldn't give up on the idea of air service in Yarmouth.

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### Business school recognized:

Corporate Knights magazine has named Saint Mary's University's Sobey School of Business one of the top five business schools in Canada. Out of 47 undergraduate business programs, SMU ranked fifth. First place went to the Centre for Business and the Environment at the University of Waterloo. SMU's MBA program placed seventh out of 38 MBA schools in the country. Full results available at [www.corporateknights.ca](http://www.corporateknights.ca).

### Newalta opening office:

Calgary-based Newalta Industrial Services Inc. will open its new Atlantic regional office in Dartmouth tomorrow with a public reception. Over the past two years, Newalta

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## Muscular Avenger

Dodge adds attitude

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Leave it to the "grab life by the horns" boys over at Dodge to inject a little "attitude" into the mid-size car segment with its new-for-2008 Avenger five-passenger sedan.

All muscular and aggressive, thanks to styling cues borrowed straight from the brand's full-size Charger model, the 2008 Avenger actually shares its

platform and most of its mechanical bits with its corporate cousin, the Chrysler Sebring.

The Avenger's styling and materials look and feel better than the Sebring, though that's no reason for any competitors to consider reworking their own offerings. On the other hand, features-wise, the Avenger is a leader, offering the automaker's MyGIG multimedia audio and entertainment system with available navigation, Chill Zone cooled storage compart-



The New Dodge Challenger is all muscular and aggressive, thanks to styling cues borrowed from the brand's Charger model.

ment above the glove box, heated and cooled cupholders (except on the base Avenger SE) and an available rear-seat DVD entertainment system.

As with the Sebring, the Avenger offers three trim levels. In the latter's case that means the base Avenger SE starting at \$20,495, followed by a mid-range SXT version

with a \$22,595 sticker price and the range-topping Avenger R/T with a \$27,395 entry fee.

In its SE trim the Avenger comes with a 173-horsepower, 2.4-litre four-cylinder engine and four-speed automatic transmission, standard side-curtain airbags, four-speaker AM/FM stereo with CD/MP3 player, tilt and tel-

escopic steering wheel, power locks and mirrors, air conditioning, 60/40-split rear seat and 16-inch wheels and tires.

The SXT with a similar powertrain adds anti-lock brakes, the company's YES Essentials stain-resistant seat fabric, a power eight-way driver's seat, six-speaker audio system, fold-flat passenger seatback, Tour-

ing suspension and 17-inch alloy wheels.

The R/T is equipped with a 235 hp, 3.5-litre V6 mated to a six-speed automatic. It also gets a sport-tuned suspension and bigger brakes to improve handling and stopping, along with interior upgrades in keeping with its top-of-the-line status. An all-wheel-drive R/T is also available, carrying a \$30,895 suggested list price.

The Avenger interior looks nice enough with a two-tone motif, white-face gauges, bright trim and easy-to-operate controls. Finding a comfortable driving position is easy with the tilt and telescoping steering wheel and adjustable driver's seat.

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China's state television plans to scrap its usual slight delay for live broadcasts during the Olympic Games, allowing the audience to see everything "as it happens," the official Xinhua agency said yesterday. REUTERS

# Beijing Games

determined



Ronaldinho wants to go to Beijing to win gold for his country.

## Ronaldinho vows to play for Brazil

**SOCCER** After being told by Barcelona that they would refuse to allow forward Ronaldinho to play for Brazil in next month's Olympic Games, the superstar reiterated his desire to go to the games.

"It is my dream to search the gold for Brazil," he said at a press conference Brazilian media sources reported.

The out-of-form 28-year-old, who has been told he is surplus to requirements at the Spanish club, was named in Brazil coach Dunga's squad for Beijing as one of the overage players.

"Ronaldinho has to report for training next Monday," the Primera Liga club said.

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## Preparations a 'gold standard'

**CHINA.** The International Olympic Committee praised Beijing yesterday for setting a "gold standard for the future" in its preparations for the Games.

China, meanwhile, poured scorn on critics abroad, saying complaints of human-rights abuses were "noise pollution" that could not prevent the success of the Games.

While conceding concerns remained about air pollution and broadcasting issues, chief International Olympic Committee inspector Hein Verbruggen said Beijing "looked ready."

REUTERS

## Tomorrow's lineup

**ALL IN THE FAMILY.** "I grew up with the Olympics as part of my life with my grandfather, father and uncles all competing at the Olympics," says Beijing-bound solo flatwater canoeist Mark Oldershaw. Read tomorrow's Metro for more.

**29** days remain until the official start of the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing.

# Bay preparing for last Olympics

Ruling means softball player from B.C. likely facing final Games

ANDREA WOO  
for Metro Canada

**Growing up in Trail, B.C., a small nature city with a matching population, there was little for Lauren Bay to do besides play sports.**

**She played many — basketball, volleyball, track, gymnastics — but it was in the ballpark with her older brother Jason that she found her true calling.**

Bay, who originally hoped to be a centre-fielder before discovering her true talent at pitching, grew up to be one of the country's top softball pitchers, repre-

senting Canada at the Olympic Games.

Jason grew up to be an outfielder for Major League Baseball's Pittsburgh Pirates. Athleticism is clearly in the family's blood, Bay's grandparents Sylvia and Arthur also played ball, her uncle Gerry Moro was a three-time Olympian in decathlon, and her father David played little league.

Kelly Bay, Lauren's mother, said her daughter always had a knack for the sport, but her accomplishments have been no less amazing.

"We didn't imagine it

would take her where she's gotten — I don't think anyone could have imagined that — but we're certainly thankful and grateful that it has," she said.

When Bay was 16, she got a call from the White Rock Renegades.

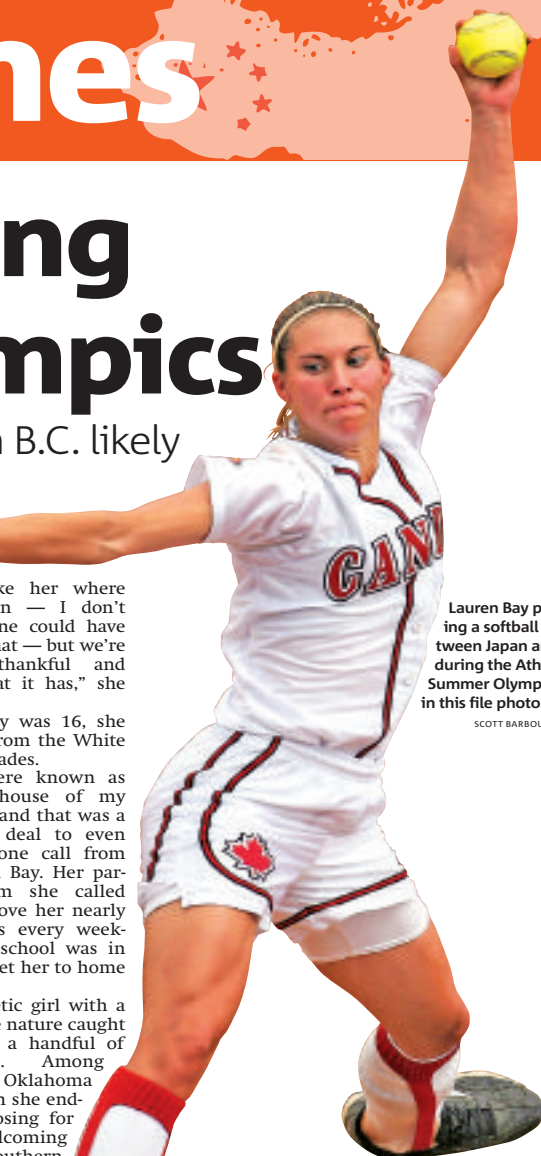
"They were known as the powerhouse of my generation and that was a pretty big deal to even have a phone call from them," said Bay. Her parents, whom she called "saints," drove her nearly eight hours every week-end while school was in session to get her to home games.

The athletic girl with a competitive nature caught the eye of a handful of universities. Among them was Oklahoma State, which she ended up choosing for its welcoming sense of southern hospitality. At OSU, Bay studied international business and became a stand-out while playing ball, posting a 26-10 record as a senior in 2003 and striking out 451 to break her single-season record.

In 2002, Bay was part of the Canadian softball team that placed ninth at the World Championships in Saskatoon, and in 2004, was part of the Canadian team that placed fifth at the summer Olympics in Athens.

In August, Bay will again be one of the 15 players to represent our home and native land in softball at the Olympic Games in Beijing, where her parents and husband will be present to cheer her on.

"When that anthem



Lauren Bay pitches during a softball game between Japan and Canada during the Athens 2004 Summer Olympic Games in this file photo.

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Lauren Bay will be a part of the Canadian softball team at the Summer Games in Beijing next month.

starts and you look around and see everyone wearing red and white, you just swell up with a sense of pride and awe that your daughter is one of the chosen few who gets to represent that country," said Kelly Bay. "How many people can say that?"

However, Sylvia Bay added the trip will be bittersweet for Lauren.

"She's looking forward to it, because this will probably be her last one," she said, referring to the International Olympic Committee's vote to remove softball and baseball

from the Games effective 2012. These are the first two sports to be cut since polo was voted out in 1939.

Bay called the cut "heart-breaking" and said that she will work with various organizations to bring it back once the bustle of the Games dies down.

"Growing up of having a goal to play softball in the Olympics ... it's heart-breaking to know that, as of right now, no more softball players will be able to follow their dreams in that aspect."

The IOC will vote again in 2009.

## Facts

**NAME:** Lauren Bay  
**HOMETOWN:** Trail, B.C. Currently lives in Chicago.  
**AGE:** 26  
**MEASUREMENTS:** 5'8", 140 lbs  
**TEAM:** Member of Canada's national softball team since 2002  
**STATS:** Bats right, throws left  
**TRIVIA:** Brother is Jason Bay of the Pittsburgh Pirates



## Coyotes give Fuhr extension

The Phoenix Coyotes gave goaltending coach Grant Fuhr a contract extension yesterday. Fuhr is heading into his fourth season as the club's director for its netminders. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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## Sports

**"We're happy he's decided to come to the Toronto Maple Leafs"**

Leafs GM Cliff Fletcher on bringing Joe Nieuwendyk into the team's management.



## Joe to T.O.

The Toronto Maple Leafs announced that Joe Nieuwendyk, left, will be a special assistant to general manager Cliff Fletcher, the man who drafted him back in 1985.

## Rios sparks Jays to victory

Outfielder has 3-run triple, scores game-winning run

## BLUE JAYS 7 ORIOLES 6

Scott Rolen's ground ball in the bottom of the ninth went through the legs of Baltimore Orioles shortstop Freddie Bynum, allowing Alex Rios to score and cap a four-run comeback to give the Toronto Blue Jays a 7-6 victory.

B.J. Ryan (2-3) picked up the win with a perfect ninth inning while Dustin McGowan went four innings, giving up four runs — two earned — on four hits and a walk with two strikeouts in the start for Toronto, which won for just the second time in six games. McGowan left the game due to right shoulder soreness.

Rios had a three-run triple and scored twice while Vernon Wells was 2-for-4 with two RBI for the Blue Jays in the opener of the three-game series.

Daniel Cabrera allowed four runs on six hits and four walks in 6½ innings



Toronto Blue Jays outfielder Alex Rios, centre, celebrates with teammates Adam Lind, left, and Lyle Overbay after scoring the winning run in the bottom of the ninth of last night's game.

while striking out three for the Orioles, who have lost three in a row. Jim Johnson (2-3) allowed one unearned run on two walks and no hits while striking out two in 1½ innings to take the loss.

Nick Markakis was 2-for-4 with two RBI, and Aubrey Huff homered for Baltimore.

The Blue Jays came howling back in the bottom of the seventh with a four-run outburst to tie the

game. Rod Barajas and Adam Lind singled two batters apart to chase Cabrera from the game in favor of Dennis Sarfate. Joe Inglett flew out before Sarfate walked Marco Scutaro to load the bases. Rios took

advantage of the mistake with a two-out, bases-clearing triple to the gap in left-center. Wells followed with an infield single to score Rios and tie the game at six.

Rios drew a one-out walk in the ninth, stole second on a Wells strikeout, and advanced to third on a throwing error by O's catcher Ramon Hernandez. Johnson, who came on in the eighth, intentionally walked Matt Stairs to bring Rolen to the plate for the game-winning grounder.

Despite the win things aren't all rosy for the team. Before the game Jays management all but admitted defeat on the team's hopes of making the playoffs this season.

Unlike the first half of the year, Toronto's post-all-star break dance list is packed with the best of the American League. That includes 33 games against divisional opponents Tampa Bay, New York and Boston.

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## Cubs swap four for Harden

**MLB** The Chicago Cubs have acquired pitchers Rich Harden and Chad Gaudin from the Oakland Athletics in exchange for pitcher Sean Gallagher, outfielder Matt

Murton, infielder Eric Patterson and catcher Josh Donaldson.

Harden, from Victoria, B.C., has been the ace of the Athletics staff this season, compiling a 5-1 record with a 2.34 ERA in 13 starts. He has 92 strikeouts in only 77 innings, and has allowed only five home runs in 2008.



Rich Harden

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## Disgraced Vick files for bankruptcy

**NFL** Suspended Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick filed for bankruptcy protection Tuesday.

The imprisoned Vick, who is currently serving a 23-month prison sentence in Leavenworth, Kan. on federal dogfighting charges, filed Chapter 11 papers in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Newport News on Monday claiming to owe between \$10 and \$50 million US to various creditors.

The debt includes a \$3.75 million pro-rated signing bonus that the Falcons are attempting to recover.

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## Truex penalized 150 points

**MOTOR SPORTS** Martin Truex's bid to qualify for the "Chase for the Championship" was severely jolted yesterday when NASCAR penalized his team 150 points for bringing an illegal car to Daytona International Speedway last week.

Truex's Chevrolet failed an initial inspection at Daytona when its roof did not comply with the prescribed template and the car was confiscated and taken to NASCAR's research and development centre for further examination.

**REUTERS**

## SCOREBOARD

MLB					AMERICAN LEAGUE					AL STRIKEOUT LEADERS				
					EAST DIVISION									
	W	L	PCT	GB										
Tampa Bay	55	34	.618	—	N.Y. Yankees	5	Tampa Bay	0		Sabathia	123			
Boston	54	39	.581	—	L.A. Angels	6	Boston	6	Minnesota	123				
N.Y. Yankees	48	42	.533	7½	Chicago White Sox	2	Detroit	9	Cleveland	2				
Baltimore	44	44	.500	10½	Seattle	0	Chicago White Sox	2	Chicago White Sox	2				
Toronto	43	47	.478	12½	NATIONAL LEAGUE		Seattle	0	Seattle	0				
					CENTRAL DIVISION					NL BATTING LEADERS				
	W	L	PCT	GB										
Chicago Sox	51	37	.580	—	Arizona	2	Washington	0		Name	team	AB	R	H
Minnesota	50	40	.556	—	Milwaukee	7	Cincinnati	3		Clones	Atl	281	54	108
Detroit	45	44	.506	6½	N.Y. Mets	7	San Francisco	0		Pujols	StL	263	45	92
Kansas City	40	50	.444	12	St. Louis	2	Philadelphia	0		Berkman	Hou	319	74	111
Cleveland	37	52	.416	14½	Houston	1	Pittsburgh	0		Holliday	Col	290	50	100
					WEST DIVISION									
	W	L	PCT	GB										
L.A. Angels	54	35	.607	—	Atlanta	1	L.A. Dodgers	19		Nady	Pgh	279	42	90
Oakland	48	41	.539	6	Florida	1	San Diego	0		Couzan	Wash	380	50	119
Texas	46	44	.511	8½	Atlanta	1	San Diego	0		Theriot	Chi	320	48	100
Seattle	35	54	.393	19	Atlanta	1	San Diego	0		Y Molina	StL	254	19	78
					NATIONAL LEAGUE									
	W	L	PCT	GB										
Philadelphia	48	43	.527	—	Chicago Sox	2	Kansas City	9		Atkins	Col	349	51	107
Florida	46	43	.517	1	Seattle	0	Oakland	10		Dlee	Chi	359	59	110
N.Y. Mets	46	44	.511	1½	Houston	1	Pittsburgh	8		Lincom	San	315	51	107
Atlanta	42	48	.467	5½	St. Louis	1	Philadelphia	8		Volquez	Cin	315	51	107
Washington	34	57	.374	14	San Francisco	1	N.Y. Mets	8		Hamels	Phi	315	51	107
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Chicago Cubs	54	36	.600	—	Colorado	1	Milwaukee	9						
St. Louis	51	40	.563	3½	Cincinnati	1	Chicago Cubs	9						
Milwaukee	50	40	.556	4	Florida	1	San Diego	11						
Cincinnati	43	48	.473	11½	Atlanta	1	L.A. Dodgers	11						
Pittsburgh	41	47	.466	12	Atlanta	1	L.A. Dodgers	11						
Houston	41	49	.456	13										
					WEST DIVISION									
	W	L	PCT	GB										
Arizona	45	45	.500	—	Al Rodriguez	NY	254	52	323					
L.A. Dodgers	45	44	.506	½	Bradley	Tex	257	53	319					
San Francisco	39	51	.433	6	Damon	NY	313	50	319					
Colorado	38	53	.418	7½	Dejesus	KC	282	38	316					
San Diego	35	55	.389	10	Polanco	Det	313	42	313					
					AL BATTING LEADERS									
	W	L	PCT	GB										
YESTERDAY'S RESULTS					Name	team	AB	R	H	AVG				
					H Matsui	NY	251	37	81	.323				
					Al Rodriguez	NY	254	52	323					
					Bradley	Tex	257	53	319					
					Damon	NY	313	50	319					
					Dejesus	KC	282	38	316					
					Polanco	Det	313	42	313					
					Grudzianek	KC	268	33	313					
					Pedroia	Bos	373	61	116	.311				

## Senators shore up blue-line

While most of the big names in the free agent sweepstakes are long time several NHL teams were busy filling holes in their rosters yesterday.

The Ottawa Senators looked to add some grit by signing defenceman Jason Smith to a two-year contract yesterday.

Smith, 34, is a veteran of 14 NHL seasons, scoring one goal and nine assists in 77 games last season with Philadelphia. He added two assists and a team-leading 56 hits and 45 blocked shots in 17 playoff contests during the Flyers run to the Eastern Conference finals.

The Anaheim Ducks signed center Brendan Morrison to a one-year contract.

"Brendan Morrison is a solid veteran with excellent foot speed," said Ducks general manager Brian Burke. "He's an intelligent hockey player and is a tremendous addition to our top-six forward group."



The Ottawa Senators signed defenceman Jason Smith to a two-year contract yesterday.

The 32-year-old Morrison scored nine goals and tallied 16 assists in 39 games last season for the Canucks, when he missed 43 games with wrist and knee injuries.

The St. Louis Blues signed free agent forward Steve Bernier yesterday to an offer sheet worth \$2.5 million for next season.

Bernier spent last season with the Sharks and Sabres, tallying 16 goals and 32 points in 76 games.

He was dealt from Buffalo to Vancouver last Friday for a third-round pick in 2009 and a second-round choice in 2010.

Despite having seven days to match the offer, TSN.ca is reporting the Canucks have already done so.

The Montreal Canadiens re-signed goaltender Jaroslav Halak to a two-year deal. Per club policy, financial terms of the agreement were not disclosed.

Halak played in six regular-season games with the Canadiens, posting a 2-1-1 record and a 2.11 goals-against average.

The New York Rangers agreed to terms with unrestricted free agent defenseman Paul Mara, the club announced Tuesday.

The 28-year-old, Ridgewood, New Jersey native appeared in 61 games for the Rangers last season, tallying a goal and 16 assists.

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## Tour de France Schumacher surges to the lead



German Stefan Schumacher shocked the favourites to snatch the Tour de France overall leader's yellow jersey with victory in the fourth stage, a 29.5-km time trial around Cholet yesterday.

## Sports in brief

**CFL** Edmonton Eskimos quarterback Ricky Ray, British Columbia Lions defensive end Cameron Wake, and Toronto Argonauts kick returner Dominique Dorsey were named the CFL's top players for Week 2 yesterday.

**NBA** The Orlando Magic have reportedly reached a verbal

agreement with former Golden State Warriors guard Mickael Pietrus on a multi-year contract, general manager Otis Smith confirmed to the Florida Today newspaper yesterday. The deal is expected to be for almost all of the \$5.2 million US Mid-Level Exception next season.

**MLB** The Baltimore Orioles placed pitcher Adam Loewen on the 15-day disabled list Tuesday with a re-injury of the stress fracture in his left elbow. Loewen, a Surrey, B.C. native, is 0-2 with an 8.02 ERA in seven games for Baltimore this season.

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## Stanley mistaken for ashtray at bash

So the Stanley Cup was used as — brace yourself — an ashtray by party animals on Malibu Beach.

No joke. U.S. musician **Kid Rock** had a wild July 4 bash in which invited members of the NHL champion Detroit Red Wings left the Cup out on the beach, where "people mistook the trophy for an ashtray," according to the New York Daily News. And before you decide to dismiss the information as nonsense emanating from an unreliable rag, keep in mind that it was the same paper that disclosed the extra-marital habits of Yankees third baseman **Alex Rodriguez** and his pending divorce, many of which have been confirmed.

• Strippers, by the way, are coming out of the woodwork now to divulge that they had affairs with A-Rod. Seems the future Hall of Famer has had a thing for skanky chicks — no offence to fans of 49-year-old entertainer **Madonna**, who's been rumoured as A-Rod's latest lover.

Boston stripper **Candice Houlihan** told reporters she had a two-night stand with

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A-Rod in 2004 and that the player's wife, **Cindy Rodriguez**, "did the right thing" by filing for divorce. "A leopard doesn't change his spots," said Houlihan, a hairdresser these days. "Good for her. I think she's doing the smart thing."

Houlihan added: "And she'll probably get tons of cash."

And I add: "Duh."

• Members of the 0-2 Winnipeg Blue Bombers are peeved at their coach, **Doug Berry**, who's been accusing them of enjoying the Montreal night life too much before they were crushed by the Alouettes last week ... Members of the 1-1 Toronto Argonauts are peeved at their coach, **Rich Stabler**, because they've decided he lacks communication skills as well as general knowledge about offensive football ... There's a quiet quar-

terback controversy in B.C., where members of the 0-2 Lions think **Buck Pierce** is a better choice than **Jarious Jackson**, who was ineffective and noticeably nervous against the Saskatchewan Roughriders last week. The Lions are 2.5-point underdogs for their game in Winnipeg Friday night ... **Damon Allen** is a retired grandfather at 45, but he's let it be known throughout the CFL that he's willing and eager to return to any team in need of a quarterback.

• Entrenched in the AL East cellar, the Blue Jays have clearly become a seller for MLB's July 31 trade deadline.

The Jays are dangling not only pitcher **A.J. Burnett** as trade bait, but also shortstop **David Eckstein** (who's attracting interest from the Los Angeles Dodgers), utility man **Matt Stairs**, catcher **Gregg Zaun** and virtually every member of the team other than a few of their starting pitchers and outfielders.

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**Gillis appeals Olympics exclusion**

Antigonish's Eric Gillis has appealed his exclusion from Athletics Canada's entry at the Beijing Olympics. Gillis won the Canadian 10,000-metre title earlier this year and took silver in the 5,000 at the national championships on Saturday. **METRO HALIFAX**

# Jung eyes women's amateur title

## 14-year-old from Bedford hopes to make history at amateur championship

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**Irene Jung came close last year. This weekend, she'll take another shot at making Nova Scotia golf history.**

The 14-year-old from Bedford is competing at the Nova Scotia Golf Association women's amateur championship at the West Pubnico Golf and Country Club. If she wins, she will become the tournament's youngest titleholder yet.

She finished tied for second last year, when Ken-Wo's Laura Harris won by three strokes on her home course.

"I'm excited," said Jung, who is going into Grade 10 at Charles P. Allen. "I just want to play well and see the results of the practice I've done over the year and see how well I can play."

Harris, coincidentally, holds the current record as the amateur's youngest

**PAST WOMEN'S AMATEUR CHAMPS**

2007 — Laura Harris, Ken-Wo. 2006 — Nicole Foy, Clare.  
2005 — Ruth Maxwell, Oakfield. 2004 — Laura Harris, Ken-Wo.  
2003 — Nicole Foy, Clare.

champion. The current Illinois State star claimed the provincial crown in 2004 at the age of 15.

Jung will put an off-season of hard work to the test this weekend. She spent the winter training at the indoor range of her coach, Ed Hanczaryk, in Dartmouth, and escaped the snow for several weeks to train in Jacksonville, Fla.

She also hit the local driving range as soon as the weather warmed up, and her handicap is 2.5. Last year, it was five.

"It helped me a lot," she said of her busy winter. "I got to work on my

weaknesses and make my strengths even stronger."

The West Pubnico course features a par-72, 6,152-yard layout, and includes four holes that are par-fives.

"The greens kind of slope and the fairways are flat, so you have to hit it in a certain area to have a good shot," Jung said. "There's nothing really spectacular about the course."

"It's just kinda there."

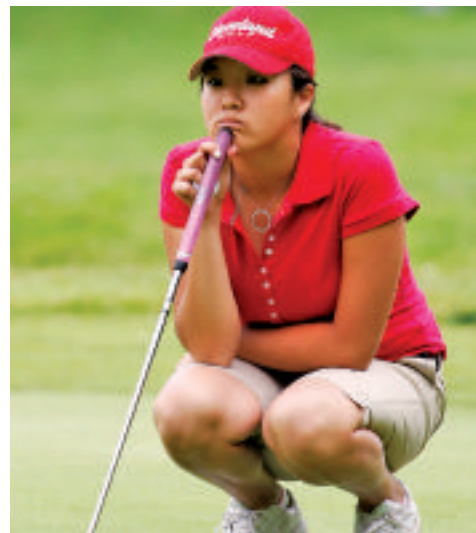
Jung said her overall goal this summer is to make Canada's national development team. Selection is

made in November and is based on results at summer tournaments.

"You need to accumulate points, and if you do well at nationals, you can get selected," Jung said. "I'd really like to be a part of that. They go places where you can golf and do training year-round, and it would be a really big step for me."

Harris is the favourite entering the weekend, while Mireille LeBlanc of Clare and Anne Balser of The Pines are returning top-five finishers expected to challenge.

The top four finishers earn a spot at the Royale Cup Canadian championship from July 28 to Aug. 1 in Winnipeg.



14-year-old Irene Jung is aiming to become the youngest winner ever in the province's amateur golf championship.

**Smith stays tops in point standings**

**MOTOR SPORTS** Timberlea's Wayne Smith has opened up a 32-point gap atop the Carquest Maritime Pro Stock Tour circuit. The Oval Outlaw upped his point total to 990 with a win at Saturday's Forbes 150. Enfield's Shawn Turple is second with 958 points, while defending champ Shawn Tucker of Fredericton is third with 951.

The tour gears up with the IWK 250 on July 19 at Riverside International Speedway in James River, Antigonish Co.

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**Flinn signs contract with Habs**

**NHL** Ryan Flinn's quest to get back to the NHL will continue next season in the Montreal Canadiens' system.

The Springfield native signed a one-year two-way contract with the Canadiens on Monday night. He is slated to start next season with the Canadiens' top minor-league affiliate, the American Hockey League's Hamilton Bulldogs.

Flinn hasn't skated in the NHL since he suffered a concussion with the Los Angeles Kings in a fight on Nov. 26, 2005.

The 28-year-old left-winger missed almost a year with the injury and has spent the past two seasons in the AHL. He totaled three goals, one assist and 135 penalty minutes with the Springfield Falcons and Hershey Bears last season.

Flinn played the 1999-00 season with the Halifax Mooseheads and 2000-01 with the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles, and has spent the past seven seasons in the pro ranks.

The 6-foot-5, 230-pounder has 823 penalty minutes in 254 games at the AHL level. He has 31 games of NHL experience.

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Ryan Flinn

# Locals named to Atlantic under-17 camp

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**HOCKEY** The Dartmouth Subways and Cole Harbour McCains could be well represented at the world under-17 hockey challenge.

Six Subways and three McCains have been invited to Team Atlantic's under-17 summer evaluation camp, scheduled for July 20 to 25 at Acadia Arena in Wolfville.

Lower Sackville's Ben Duffy, a Subways forward and the reigning Nova Scotia Major Midget Hockey League MVP, leads the way,

adding to his summer accolades after the P.E.I. Rocket made him the fifth overall pick in June's QMJHL draft.

Fellow Subways forwards Bradley MacDonald, Chris Dart and Kody Orr will join him, as will defencemen Matthew Fortune and Jonathan Clarke and goalie Cameron Poirier.

Forward Stephen MacAulay and defencemen Brett Baker and Ian Saab will attend from the McCains, who captured the Atlantic major midget championship in March.

Nineteen of 68 camp invitees are from Nova Scotia. Twenty two will be selected

for Team Atlantic later this year.

Woodstock Slammers junior A bench boss Jason Tatarnic is the head coach, while Trevor Murphy is general manager.

The 2009 world under-17 challenge will be held in Port Alberni, B.C., and surrounding areas from Dec. 29 to Jan. 4.

Team Atlantic placed eighth out of 10 teams with a 1-4 record at last year's world under-17 in London, Ont. Its best finish came in 2005, when an entry featuring Brad Marchand and James Sheppard captured bronze in Lethbridge, Alta.



Fall River's David Kikuchi has been granted a conditional spot in the Beijing Olympics if he can recover from an elbow injury.

DAILY NEWS FILE PHOTO

While many visitors may be familiar with the views from the London Eye, for a limited time, they will be able to get a similar birds-eye view from the east of the city with the opening of the Greenwich Wheel. The wheel will be up until Sept. 28, and offers spectacular panoramic views. **VISIT BRITAIN**

# Travel



## Buck House

Want to see how the royals live? Every year, Buckingham Palace opens its gates to visitors for a glance at the State Rooms. This year, the palace is open from July 29 to September 29. The tour includes a look at opulent collectibles including Faberge eggs, Rembrandt paintings and some of the finest furniture in the world. **VISIT BRITAIN**

## Cosplay it again

In the bowels of Taipei, beneath a bridge where homeless men nestle-in for a good night's sleep, there's a simple community centre. From the outside, it doesn't look like much but inside, the Infinitive Cosplay Theatre have gathered, eager to strut their imaginative hobby. There's an energy in the air as they get ready for this evenings practice.

The girls dab themselves with thick white powder, red face paint and a thick coat of black mascara. They fiddle with heavy

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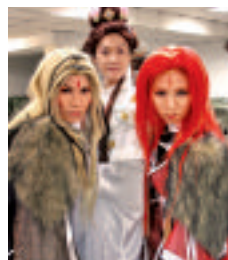
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wigs, adjust their robes and slip into character.

They are Cosplayers, a growing sub-culture of Taiwan's young generation. Cosplay, a combination of "costume" and "play," has people dressing up as their favourite fictional characters. Rooted in Asia, this

popular trend has found its way around the world, including Canada. For the most part, costumes are inspired by Japanese anime and manga characters, but in Taiwan, the local youth have put their own spin on it. Cosplayers dress as characters from Pili Puppet Theatre, a traditional performance of wooden hand-puppets. This cultural phenomenon re-enacts Chinese legends of love, chivalry and heroism through the art of puppetry.

Though the hobby may be growing in popularity,



Cosplayers in Taiwan.

it certainly isn't cheap, with costumes, fans, staffs and wigs costing an upwards of 21,000 Taiwan dollars (\$700 Canadian).

Since the characters are copywritten, costumes aren't found in stores. You have to either make one yourself, or have it specially made-to-order by one of the few professionals in

the city.

Myao Ju Sheun Hwa has spent an upwards of 50,000 (\$1600 Canadian) this year on her Cosplay hobby. By day, she's a secretary at a local shipping company, by night, this 34-year-old dresses as a female goddess, dawning a sheer gown and elaborate wig adorned with tulips. She is drawn to this Pili character because "of her very kind and powerful personality." Myao talks about the puppet characters with familiarity and affection, admiring their loyalty, good looks and martial arts skills. Her addiction to Pili Puppet Theatre fist started when she was a little girl, watching it on T.V. Her love of this Taiwanese theatre caused her

to join a fan club, where she met other like-minded addicts. It's from this fan club that spawned the Infinitive Cosplay theatre.

With over 10 people in the group, the team practices their routines three days a week. To the tune of wind chimes and a pan flute, they move about the space in a collective performance, re-enacting mock battles from ancient Chinese dynasties.

Their dance is interpretive. Their movements are carefully choreographed, with elements of kung fu. Imagination takes these Cosplayers far from the urban reality of their humble surroundings.

Julia Dimon co-hosts Word Travels, airing on OLN, and edits The Travel Junkie. She can be reached through www.thetraveljunkie.ca.

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## Toy Story Mania! ups the ante at Disney

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You can play video games at home. Or you can be in the video game at Disney's newest ride, Toy Story Mania! Dubbed a 4-D adventure, the newest addition to both Disney World in Florida and Disney's California Adventure, takes park goers through a series of virtual midway games led by the film's lead characters, Buzz Lightyear and Woody.

It keeps score, it's addictive and according to John Lasseter, chief creative officer of Pixar and Walt Disney Animation, this ride is exactly what Disney hoped for. "We wanted to create an attraction that was so fun, as soon as it's over you want to get back on again," Lasseter said. Sitting side-

by-side and armed with spring-action shooters you launch virtual projectiles ranging from darts to midway rings at 3-D targets. And yes, it can be tough on the forearms so stretch first. Everything reacts to you, balloons burst showering you with virtual confetti and when rockets take flight directly at you, a perfectly timed blast of air lets you feel them whirl by.

They're so real, that several people were seen trying to touch the images.

And in each of the games, there is at least one "Easter egg" — a target that can trigger the appearance of bonus, high-value targets and other changes in the scene.

What makes this ride so addictive is the desire to improve your score and — more importantly — to beat the person beside you. The only thing keeping



Donning 3-D glasses and manning spring-action shooters, park goers ride the new Toy Story Mania! attraction at Disney's California Adventure in Anaheim, Calif.

people from riding Toy Story Mania! repeatedly on opening day was a lineup stretching halfway across the park. But that's a testament to people's love affair with the characters from Toy Story. To soothe the wait, Disney created a giant Mr. Potato Head that acts as a carnival barker. It's able to say several lines of dialogue to people in

line as well as remove a body part (his ear) and reattach it.

According to Lasseter, Toy Story Mania! is the first installment of a \$1.1 billion, five-year plan to upgrade Disney's California Adventure, which opened in 2001. He said the next Disney movie to be turned into a ride will be Cars (2006).



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## Get festive

The Olympic Community Centre on Cunard Street plays host the 2008 Lebanese Festival from Friday through Sunday. Visit [www.lebanesefestival.ca](http://www.lebanesefestival.ca). **METRO**

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# Entertainment

## Isaak show?



Unless it's a wicked game being played with his fans, Chris Isaak will perform at the Halifax Metro Centre on Sept. 15 according to concert website Pollstar.

# It's time to Tango

## Atlantic Jazz Festival kickoff adds some spice to the summer

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**Tango band Orquesta Tipica Imperial will perform for the first time in North America.**

The phone is crackling, and her English is broken, but Matilde Vitullo's passion for tango music comes across crisp and clear.

"It's a very rich music, and there are a lot of possibilities in tango," she said on the line from Argentina. "It can continue growing and growing."

Vitullo is a member of Orquesta Tipica Imperial, an Argentine tango band which will kick off the mainstage concert series at the Atlantic Jazz Festival on Friday night.

While the group has toured Europe, this will be its first time performing in North America. Along with the Atlantic Jazz Festival, the group will also perform in Quebec City and Montreal.

The internationally renowned band from Buenos Aires includes three violists, a pianist, cellist, double bassist, vocalist and three bandoneonists. A bandoneon is an accordion-like instrument.



The Orquesta Tipica Imperial from Argentina will open the Atlantic Jazz Festival on Friday night.

"It was not invented for tango," said Vitullo, who is one of the bandoneonists. "It was invented in Germany and came to Argentina. This instrument, in our time, is used especially for tango because it has a specific sound."

The Orquesta formed in 1999 and has featured a number of lineup changes over the years. Vitullo is

### If you go

**What:** Orquesta Tipica Imperial  
**Where:** Mainstage festival tent, corner of Spring Garden Road and Queen Street  
**When:** Friday, 8 p.m.  
**Tickets:** \$25 and \$30. Visit [www.jazzeast.com](http://www.jazzeast.com)

one of the early members, having joined in 2000. She said many of the members

met while attending music schools.

The group has created its own interpretation of tango, with new compositions and arrangements.

Vitullo became interested in tango music after listening to Astor Piazzolla — a famous Argentine tango composer who fused traditional music with jazz.

"A lot of musicians here

started tango after listening to Piazzolla," she said. "When you start to listen to him, and know a bit more, and understand more about tango."

Vitullo said tango music has had a resurgence in Argentina recently, and more young people have started to appreciate the genre.

"It is growing again," she said.

## See Dharma at Neptune's studio stage

**THEATRE** Dharma, a story of classical dance, music and drama taken from the Indian epic Mahabharat — and presented with an international cast — will be performed on Neptune Theatre's studio stage tonight.

The event is presented by the Krishna Cultural Festival Tour. A portion of the proceeds from tonight's performance will go to the Children's Wish Foundation.

Tickets are \$30 and \$20. Call 429-7070 for more information.

**ELVIS FOREVER!** Roy Leblanc, a Las Vegas and two-time Canadian champion Elvis Presley impersonator, will bring the king to the stage of the Cunard Centre this Friday night at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$29 and are available by calling 451-1221. You can also purchase tickets online at [www.ticketatlantic.com](http://www.ticketatlantic.com).

**HIGHLAND GAMES** Nova Scotia's Scottish heritage will be highlighted during the Halifax Highland Games and Scottish festival taking place on Saturday.

The popular event, taking place on Dartmouth Common, will feature dancing and heavyweight events such as the caber toss.

Visit [www.halifaxhighlandgames.com](http://www.halifaxhighlandgames.com) for more information.



Kyla Tingley was voted off.

## Tingley won't be CBC's Maria

**REALITY TV** Dartmouth's Kyla Tingley was voted off CBC Television's reality series, *How Do You Solve A Problem Like Maria*, on Monday night. She made it into the bottom three of the competition along with fellow Nova Scotian Tamara Fifield, and Ontario's Katie Kerr. Kerr was also eliminated.

## Shakespeare by the Sea puts a new spin on an age-old story

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**REVIEW** Shakespeare by the Sea's version of the classic Cinderella story is full of crap — literally.

The company's hilarious retelling of the age-old story of an orphan — forced to shovel animal poop instead of cinders — has audiences of all ages cheering the good guys and jeering the bad.

Running through the summer, *Cinderelly* turns the well-known tale on its head, setting it in the southwest and filling it

### If you go

**What:** Shakespeare by the Sea's *Cinderelly*  
**Where:** Point Pleasant Park  
**When:** Various days through Aug. 31. Visit [www.shakespearebythesea.ca](http://www.shakespearebythesea.ca)  
**Grade:** ●●●●●

with sheriffs, a fairy bartender, a donkalo (donkey-buffalo) and generic banditos.

Adding to the southern feel is the original and catchy western and blues music provided by Johnny Eaton and Amos Crawley.

Caitlin Stewart is easily loveable as the doe-eyed ti-

tle character, acting as a perfect foil to her ugly stepsisters, one self-absorbed and the other dimwitted.

They are played by Kevin MacPherson and Brian Macquarrie, who, along with Tom Smith as the evil stepmother, will galvanize audiences.

While children will chuckle at the sight gags — and enjoy interacting with the actors — adults will appreciate the wit and pop culture references which fill the parody.

*Cinderelly* is a perfect and fun fit for Halifax audiences this summer.



Kevin MacPherson, from left, Brian Macquarrie, Caitlin Stewart and Tom Smith star in Shakespeare by the Sea's *Cinderelly*.

## movies



Annette Bening

## Bening named to Oscar board

**PEOPLE** Three-time Oscar nominee Annette Bening has been elected to the governing board of the organization that gives out the Academy Awards.

Bening, 50, who is married to actor Warren Beatty, will now join the 43-member Board of Governors of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, which draws up the rules and regulations for the Academy Awards.

The actress is a three-time Oscar nominee for her roles as a con artist in *The Grifters*, a suburban housewife and real estate agent in *American Beauty* and an English actress in *Being Julia*.

She most recently starred in the 2006 art-house drama *Running with Scissors*.

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# Fresh take on exploration

Journey To The Center Of The Earth takes movie thrills underground

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Ever wondered what's out there? Or in there? Or even, under there?

Generations of moviegoers have. With Friday's release of *Journey To The Center Of The Earth*, the next generation of movie fans can explore other worlds.

"It already recalls something like *Jurassic Park*, where there's this notion of an unknown world that is discovered unwittingly," said Charlie Keil, director of the cinema studies institute at the University of Toronto.

"It has both the elements of exploration and suspense and surprise because of the various obstacles the explorers are going to find."

Getting a new perspective is a movie tradition. You've probably never seen *Trip To The Moon* from 1902, but perhaps you've heard the phrase *Where No*



*Journey To The Center Of The Earth* takes a fresh look at the tradition of exploration on the big screen.

*Man Has Gone Before*.

The *Star Trek* series started on the small screen, but went big in 1979. The new take of *Journey To The Center Of The Earth*, starring Brendan Fraser, is a modern spin on an old story. A 1959 version of the film

starred Pat Boone. Both are based on the Jules Verne book published in 1864.

But our exploration fascination doesn't have to be on a grand scale.

Who could forget Hamilton's *Martin Short* cruising around in a li'l ship inside

Dennis Quaid in 1987's *Innerspace*? Or Toronto's Rick Moranis as the flustered father in 1989's *Honey, I Shrunk The Kids*?

"You could say it's the same formula inverted, in a way," Keil said. "Rather than being exposed to

## 3D in full effect

*Journey to the Center of the Earth* is billed as the first live-action feature film shot and released entirely in digital 3D. It opens in theatres on Friday.

something larger than expected, like a whole new world ... cinema can show you things you didn't think were there ... things that are suddenly magnified so we experience them differently."

Keil says one of the rules of exploration movies is the effectively melding "spectacle and narrative." He expects moviegoers will keep flocking to theatres to see what surprises are in store.

"Oh definitely. With (*Journey*), it's being linked to the burgeoning re-exploration of the capacities of new 3D technologies ... everyone is saying the new 3D technology is really quite convincing. So this kind of narrative will suit that technology to a T."

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## This Jewel Perfectly Clear

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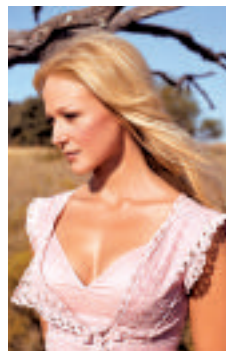
Jewel has gone country — but then she says she always was.

The Grammy Award winner and judge on NBC reality singing contest *Nashville Star* argues her newest album, *Perfectly Clear*, isn't so much about a reinvention of her sound as it is a return to her roots. Released last month, the album is full of Loretta Lynn-influenced narratives, swaying acoustic melodies and piano accents — a touch of city slicker sophistication to her largely self-produced down-home sound.

Jewel Kilcher penned much of the record growing up in rural Alaska, playing honky-tonk roadhouses with her dad and living on a ranch with no running water, a coal stove for heat and an outhouse for a toilet.

"I grew up writing this," says Jewel. "This is my life and my history. I didn't wake up and become someone else or get a new sound. I've never felt like I've had to pick a team or something. I've liked what I've always liked, which is storytelling."

The album belies Jewel's



Jewel's *Perfectly Clear* is full of swaying acoustic melodies.

past incarnations, and maybe for good reason. Her 2003 album *0304*, commercially successful though considered a misstep by critics and purist fans, fused big band with urban dance beats. It was certainly a far cry from 1995's *Pieces Of You* — one of the most successful debuts of all time. Jewel says the album was branded as alt-pop by a music industry riding the crest of the grunge rock tsunami caused by the success of bands such as Nirvana and Soundgarden, and should have been considered a country work if anything.

Now, at 34, Jewel has mixed memories of her time at the top. As a 19-

year-old living in a car in San Diego, she wasn't ready for the ruthless realities of life at the top of the charts. She recalls frequently fighting uphill battles for creative freedom (which might explain 0304).

"I'm not trying to be a martyr or anything, but it is something to go from being homeless to being rich overnight. I was just not prepared for that at all. I don't think anyone would be. I certainly had rock 'n' roll clichés happen," she says. "The good news is that the more you're in control of everything, the safer you are."

Lesson learned — after more than a decade as a major label artist, Jewel says educating herself on the business has led her to a position where she can do what she wants, when she wants, and she warns up-and-comers to do the same.

"It's a complicated business, and it's not set up to help the artist win."

It's set up for everyone else to make money off of you," she says. "The industry runs artists into the ground. You see these talented kids and they're broke. It's heartbreaking, and it happens over and over."



**CBS** has revealed the identities of the 13 houseguests who will be competing on Big Brother 10, which will premiere this Sunday. "There's somebody for everyone in this cast," Big Brother executive producer Allison Grodner said. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## CD boxed sets face uncertain future

**MUSIC** Have boxed sets lost their commercial luster, or can the configuration still shine when managed properly? Only a handful of enticing boxed sets are due out at year's end. Among them are Rhino's long-in-the-works four-disc Jesus and Mary Chain collection, The Power of Negative Thinking: B-Sides & Rarities; the label's multi-disc Jane's Addiction box, which is being supervised by drummer Stephen Perkins; and anthologies from Rob Zombie, Nina Simone, Roy Orbison, Dolly Parton and Hall & Oates.

One of the most in-demand items is Neil Young's eternally delayed Archives Vol. 1, which will come out only on Blu-ray and not on standard CDs, but it remains unclear if it will finally see the light of day by year's end.

"Boxed-set sales have fallen off the cliff; they went from something to nothing," says Bryan Everitt, director of music purchasing at Hastings Entertainment.

Everitt adds labels need to cut the prices of boxed sets. "Unless the majors seriously look at reducing the price of the boxed set — they still think they should cost US \$39.98 or \$49.98 — sales will continue to slide."

Mike Davis, executive VP/GM of Universal Music Enterprises, says that in response to those very concerns, the reissue specialist has launched a new series, Playlist Plus.

It offers three discs at an affordable price, packaged in a Digipak inside a slipsleeve without any booklets. Retail sources say the series carries a list price of \$29.99 and a boxlot of \$19.58. Acts appearing in the series include the Temptations, Rod Stewart, Marvin Gaye, James Brown, the Allman Brothers Band, the Moody Blues, Kiss and the Velvet Underground.

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## In brief

**POLITICS** Howard Wolfson, one of Hillary Clinton's campaign advisers, will join Fox News Channel as a contributor. Wolfson is to make his first appearance on air today. Wolfson, a longtime political consultant, has worked as communications director for Clinton's New York election campaigns. He had a similar role in her presidential campaign but was promoted to co-chief strategist this year. Wolfson is one of many political figures the channel has hired for its election programming.

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# Swingtown tries to hold its ground

**GOING DOWN SWINGING:**

ABC's ardent shot at putting quality cable programming in network prime-time isn't going over so well with either critics or advertisers. Swingtown debuted just over a month ago in the unenviable summer slot that once meant contractual obligation and sure death for a show before HBO and Showtime began launching shows in the torrid months, and the subject matter — the games of sexual chicken adults played with each

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"It is a shame," a media buyer told the magazine. "When the networks try to push the envelope a little and try to be more like HBO, the advertisers run away."

The closest thing to a

other in the greasy aftermath of the '60s — was supposed to see the transplanting of risqué cable content to primetime. Monday saw an Advertising Age story about the show getting stiffed by advertisers, who want to capture the attention of younger viewers, but are still afraid of alienating the older ones who — as recent studies have shown — are still network television's biggest viewer demographic.

Carlin calls the show a



Susan and Bruce Miller (Molly Parker and Jack Davenport) in a scene from Swingtown.

"disaster," while admitting that, as a child of the '70s, he really wanted it to work. He complains about the music first of all, and he's right — given a choice between something really interesting and the most obvious Top 40 shorthand for the era, the show goes for the latter. Even when they shoehorn a Dylan song into the story, it's the painfully obvious — and 12-year-old — It Ain't Me, Babe.

By 1976, there were 17

Dylan albums that could have been mined for a song, including the painfully apt Blood On The Tracks, which was only a year old at the time. Ditto for You Can't Always Get What You Want by the Rolling Stones — overused a long time ago as a quick, anthemic fix of adrenaline for too many soundtracks.

But the big problem is the characterization. Carlin points out the swinging Tom and Trina barely regis-

ter as real people — Grant Show's Tom is really just a delivery system for his moustache. Bruce and Susan — the emotional core of the show, in theory — don't sell their sudden urge to spice up their marriage with a bit of spouse-swapping with any real success, mostly because they don't really seem all that into Tom or Trina, and as Susan's nagging nemesis, Miriam Shor's Janet is all shrew, all the time. Sensing that her prim disapproval was getting wearing, they got her wasted on pot brownies in episode four and practically remade the character between commercial breaks.

Finally, Carlin is right that the kids are the most interesting characters, probably because the people who created it were kids in the first year of the Carter presidency, when the adults were acting like kids and the kids felt positively middle-aged with prescient anxiety, but that might be too little, too late.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

## critics' corner

### Supernatural

Who knew vampires had their own version of a date-rape drug? Sam and Dean (Jared Padalecki, Jensen Ackles) meet a female vampire (Mercedes McNab, "Buffy the Vampire Slayer") who has no idea how she got that way. Turns out there's a vampire dude (Matthew Humphreys) who's hitting the bars and giving women blood cocktails. He also works his magic on Gordon (Sterling K. Brown), making him a more powerful adversary, in "Fresh Blood." 11 PM on SPACE



### Wife Swap

Religious differences are at the heart of this episode, but it's not the Christians against the pagans or the atheists this time. Both wives call themselves devout Christians, but Lee-Ann and her family are conservatives who take the Bible literally and home-school the kids, while Kim and her stay-at-home hubby practice a more liberal interpretation. Neither husband takes kindly to the changes wrought by the swap ... one even cries. 9 PM on ABC ASN

### Hellboy: Blood and Iron

They're back ... again! Ron Perlman, Selma Blair and John Hurt return to give voice to the characters they played in the 2004 live-action "Hellboy" and voiced in 2006's animated sequel, "Hellboy: Sword of Storms." Perlman voices the title superhero, who leads a mission to stop the return of an evil female vampire with a taste for young blood. Along the way, Hellboy meets a goddess who wants him to embrace a hellish destiny. 11 PM on TOON

### Coleen's Real Women

Eight is enough! Coleen McLoughlin believes that regular women with natural beauty are what eight major companies should be using to represent their products. In this new series from across the pond, McLoughlin and fashion producer Camilla Johnson-Hill trek across England to find nonprofessional models, to whom they give makeovers, instruction and portfolios in the hopes of winning new clients. 11 PM on W

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	39	39	39	SHOW	Trailer	Billable	ReGenesis	Da Vinci's Inquest	Trailer	Rent	Big Love	
	40	40	40	SLICE	Three Takes	End Leash	Debt Part	X-Weighted	Work Out	Hollywood		
	47	47	47	SPACE	Relic Hunter	Stargate SG-1	Star Trek: Voyager	Smallville	Smallville	Supernat		
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	98	98	98	STAR	Making It	Treatment	Look Like	Hollywood	eTalk	Celebrity Rehab	Tonight	
	21	21	21	TLC	What Not to Wear	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Singing
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	22	22	22	W	Shopping	House	Will-Grace	Friends	Shopping	Style Jury		
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**Jada Pinkett Smith** has called in Hollywood's Dog Whisperer Cesar Millan to train her pets to avoid rattlesnakes. The actress was devastated when her beloved pooch Rocco died after a rattlesnake attack and she now feels compelled to make sure her other dogs stay away from danger. **IMDB.COM**

## Celebrity Buzz

# McConaughey first-time father

**FATHERHOOD** Hollywood star Matthew McConaughey and his girlfriend are "elated" after the birth of their first child, a baby boy, **imdb.com** reports.

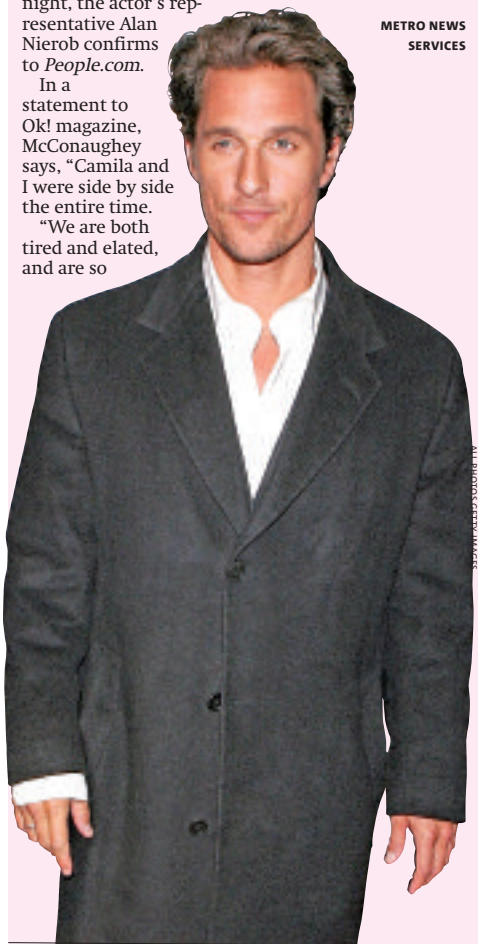
Brazilian model Camila Alves gave birth to a seven pound, four ounce son at 6:22 p.m. in Los Angeles on Monday night, the actor's representative Alan Nierob confirms to *People.com*.

In a statement to *Ok!* magazine, McConaughey says, "Camila and I were side by side the entire time. "We are both tired and elated, and are so

happy to have created the greatest miracle in the world — having a child and making a family. Now comes the greatest adventure — raising one, together."

The Wedding Planner star announced the news he and Alves were expecting on his official website in January.

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## Moss boots boyfriend out

**BREAK-UP** Kate Moss' relationship with Jamie Hince is rumoured to be on the rocks, **femalefirst.co.uk** reports.

The supermodel — who started dating the The Kills guitarist last summer — reportedly had a blazing row on Saturday and the rocker has now started moving his possessions out of her North London home.

A source told Britain's *Daily Mirror* newspaper: "Kate made some comment about a girl who

had been hanging around Jamie and it deteriorated from there. Just hours later, Jamie was packing his things and moving stuff out of her house. By the afternoon, most if it had gone."

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## Barrymore, Long break up

**RELATIONSHIPS** Hollywood couple Drew Barrymore and Justin Long have split less than four months after the actress cooed about her lover on TV talk show *Oprah*, **imdb.com** reports.

Back in March, the *Charlie's Angels* star told TV host Oprah Winfrey she was mad about Long.

She said her romance with the Dodgeball actor was "healthy, productive, supportive and full of humour."

A spokesman for Barrymore tells America's *Star* magazine, "I can confirm the split but have no other comment."

The couple started dating in August after meeting on the set of upcoming

movie *He's Just Not That Into You*. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



## celebrity brief

### Allen and Simons together again

**ROMANCE** Lily Allen is dating Chemical Brothers star Ed Simons again, **femalefirst.co.uk** reports.

The singer, 23, is believed to have reconciled with the 38-year-old after revealing she is no longer single on Facebook social networking website Monday.

Both Lily and Ed — who ended their three-month

relationship earlier this year shortly after Lily suffered a miscarriage — altered the status on their personal profiles to "in a relationship." The couple were then swamped with messages of congratulations from friends. The reunited couple have been spotted together on numerous occasions in recent weeks.

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### Mendes snaps back in interview

**TREATMENT** Eva Mendes, who quietly admitted herself into treatment at the Cirque Lodge in Utah in January, snapped at a reporter for *Interview* magazine who joked that Alcoholics Anonymous would have to be changed to Alcoholics Unanimous because of the prevalence of problems in Hollywood.

"I'm not making jokes, because people die from this stuff," she says in the interview. "So, honestly, I think it's a bit tacky that you made a joke. I've got to be honest." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



## celebrity brief

### Lohan given ring by Samantha

**GIFT** Lindsay Lohan has been given a \$22,000 "commitment" ring by girlfriend Samantha Ronson, **femalefirst.co.uk** reports. The actress was taken shopping by the DJ last week to celebrate her 22nd birthday and was thrilled when Sam splashed out on the stunning piece of jewellery.

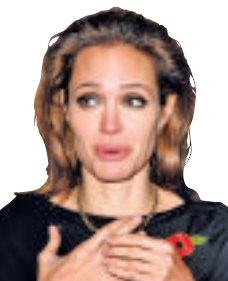
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### Jolie wants natural birth: Doc

**CHILDBIRTH** The pregnant Angelina Jolie is holding steady — and enjoying reruns of *Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman*. Dr. Michel Sussmann told **starmagazine.com** that Angelina hopes that babies will be born naturally — not via C-section.

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### Cynthia's spiteful spending

**DIVORCE** Pals of Alex Rodriguez are speaking out against his wife Cynthia — a day after she alleged infidelity in



her divorce papers, **usmagazine.com** reports.

One friend tells New York's *Daily News* that she spent close to \$100,000 on his credit cards to punish him for his relationship with Madonna.

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### Prince building house in Africa

**CHARITY** Prince Harry is once again raising a hand to help the AIDS-stricken African nation of Lesotho, this time building a special-needs school with his army buddies from the Household Cavalry's Blues and Royals regiment, **people.com** reports. Harry, 23, says he hopes the facility in the northern town of Butha Buthe will be the first of many that can be provided by his Sentebele charitable foundation, reports Britain's *Telegraph*.

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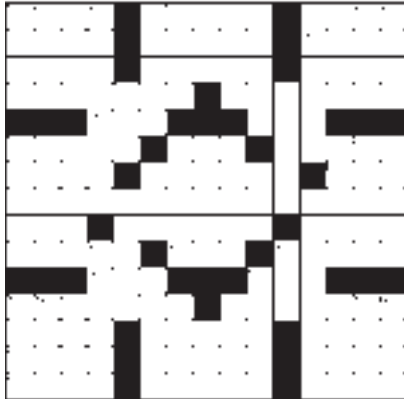
### Ashlee freaked about pounds

**BODY IMAGE** Four-months-pregnant Ashlee Simpson-Wentz has become Little Miss Obsessive about her new baby body, **starmagazine.com** reports. The pop singer is so surprised she's gained so much so fast — 20 pounds already — that she's working out six days a week with Mike Alexander, sister Jessica's ex trainer. She's doing low-impact exercises, such as riding the stationary bike and Pilates. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



**Former Village People** lead singer Victor Willis is recovering in hospital following vocal cord surgery. Willis, the band's original policeman, had surgery at a San Diego, California, hospital on Monday to remove nodules from his vocal cords. **BBC NEWS ONLINE**

## Take Five



### Crossword down

- |                        |                          |                      |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Vassal               | 21 Wallet filler         | 47 Discernment       |
| 2 Fitzgerald's poet    | 23 Take up or let out    | 49 — Paulo, Brazil   |
| 3 Ms. Foch             | 26 Lots of land          | 51 Lucy's friend     |
| 4 More gummy           | 27 Party attendee        | 52 Catty             |
| 5 Cornered (2 wds.)    | 28 Humiliate             | 53 Harvard rival     |
| 6 Fling                | 29 Perpendicular         | 54 Redding of blues  |
| 7 Wallach or Lilly     | 30 Leafy shelter         | 55 Trail mix         |
| 8 He played Obi-Wan    | 31 Full of jolts         | 56 Likewise          |
| 9 Clear the windshield | 33 Moving right —        | 57 Hong —            |
| 10 Bone tissue         | 34 Civil War side        | 58 Some CDs          |
| 11 Carrier's partner   | 35 Some are inert        | 59 Pond dweller      |
| 12 Solitary            | 37 Quirk                 | 60 Hoedown partners  |
| 13 Aquarius' tote      | 38 Hole                  | 63 Jarrett of NASCAR |
|                        | 41 Dearth of "Star Wars" |                      |
|                        | 42 Train lines           |                      |

### Crossword across

- |                             |                         |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Boys and men              | 43 Mountain curve       |
| 5 Down the road             | 44 Swallow              |
| 10 Odometer unit            | 45 Part of A.M.         |
| 14 Radiate                  | 46 Stand in good —      |
| 15 Bridal veil material     | 48 Undertake            |
| 16 Swear                    | 49 Deep breaths         |
| 17 Jaipur princess          | 50 High note            |
| 18 Short                    | 52 — ammoniac           |
| 19 Descartes or Coty        | 53 Dairy-case buys      |
| 20 Chaos theory unit        | 57 Kind of glance       |
| 22 Grittier                 | 61 Molecule part        |
| 24 Door opener              | 62 Vietnam capital      |
| 25 Day- (fluorescent paint) | 64 Linoleum measurement |
| 26 Repeatedly               | 65 Trevi Fountain coins |
| 29 Subside                  | 66 Fix a manuscript     |
| 32 Longbow's sound          | 67 Ketch's cousin       |
| 36 Sugar lump               | 68 Sports channel       |
| 37 Road company             | 69 Window sill          |
| 39 Hawaii's Mauna —         | 70 Fast jets            |
| 40 Drivers' aids (2 wds.)   |                         |

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previous day's answer



### This day in history

**JULY 9, 1948:** Pakistan issued first set of Postage stamp, having image of Constituent Assembly, Jinnah International Airport (Quaid-e-Azam International Airport), and Shahi Fort.

**JULY 9, 1986:** The New Zealand Parliament passes the Homosexual Law Reform Act making homosexuality legal in New Zealand.

**JULY 9, 1991:** South Africa is reintroduced into the Olympic movement after 30 years of exclusion.

**JULY 9, 2002:** The African Union was established in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

### Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

#### ARIES

**MARCH 21-APRIL 20**  
Unfinished business must be cleared up. A man will make hesitant moves. Answer an interrogator with frankness.

#### TAURUS

**APRIL 21-MAY 21**  
Don't do anything just to continue a relationship. Someone will annoy everyone. A bad job is closer to completion.

#### GEMINI

**MAY 22-JUNE 21**  
Fulfill all your tasks but don't wear yourself out. Peace of mind is hard to find. Unexpected news makes the rounds.

#### CANCER

**JUNE 22-JULY 22**  
A love affair will ripen. A rushed guy will get nasty. You're better off to take responsibility and admit to any mistakes.

#### LEO

**JULY 23-AUG 23**  
Wait two days before reaching out for love. Contact will be made with a shady character. Prepare to pick up where you left off.

#### VIRGO

**AUG 24-SEPT 22**  
Use cunning to find a way around obstructions. A sweetheart will give an ultimatum. A dependency might break a bad connection.

#### LIBRA

**SEPT 23-OCT 23**  
A celestial alliance occurs in a romance. A jolly visitor brings good luck. Your self-denial won't alter a concept of reality.

#### SCORPIO

**OCT 24-NOV 22**  
There'll be a spat with a petty person. A brief financial problem must be withstood. A child interferes with your playing.

#### SAGITTARIUS

**NOV 23-DEC 21**  
A friend needs help when challenging ethical codes. You'll empathize with a comical gnome. Anticipate a celebration.

#### CAPRICORN

**DEC 22-JAN 20**  
Risk being honest about your flaws. A digression will only distract an adversary temporarily. Contacting a loser will help with a job.

#### AQUARIUS

**JAN 21-FEB 18**  
Good news about a rapid recovery will come. Prepare for a blip in your routine. You won't be held back by an astonishing request.

#### PISCES

**FEB 19-MAR 20**  
Mistakes are made but don't take it to heart. Steer clear of a menacing manager. Your truthfulness is keeping you out of the loop.

**STICK-ELERS**  
by Terry Blanks

Which one of the numbers below would you expect to see eventually, if the sequence continued in this pattern?

606, 612, 618, 624, 630, 636 ...

a) 10,367  
b) 75,282  
c) 4,882  
d) 1,000,003

Previous Answer

"The odd number out is '10,367'. The others have four consecutive vowels."

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			2			4	5
	6		7			8	
		3		6	1		
9				5	7		
	1	6				9	7
			1	8			4
		9	8			7	
	2				4		1
6	8				3		

### Sudoku

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

#### SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:

Under 13 ..... Genius  
13-17 ..... Scholar  
17-21 ..... Smart

previous day's answer

8	9	6	5	1	7	2	4	3
2	4	3	8	6	9	7	1	5
1	7	5	4	3	2	6	8	9
5	6	1	7	2	4	9	3	8
4	3	2	9	8	1	5	7	6
9	8	7	6	5	3	1	2	4
3	1	9	2	4	6	8	5	7
7	5	4	1	9	8	3	6	2
6	2	8	3	7	5	4	9	1

21-25 ..... Not bad  
25+ ..... Keep practicing

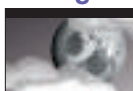
## Halifax weather

### Afternoon



Partly cloudy.  
28°

### Tonight



Variable.  
18°

### Thursday



Showers.  
26° / 18°

### Friday



Sunny.  
24° / 15°



Sunny.  
25° / 14°

Temperature  
Normals  
High: 21.5°  
Low: 12.9°

Records  
High: 31.7°/1944  
Low: 8.9°/1948

Sunrise: 5:38 a.m.  
Sunset: 9:00 p.m.  
Moon does not set  
Moonrise: 1:15 p.m.

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